



Department of
Education

Asbestos Policy

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1. Policy statement

The Department of Education is committed to managing asbestos containing materials in such a way as the materials do not, as far as is practical, present health risks to students, staff and visitors at Western Australian public schools and Department controlled workplaces.

2. Policy rules

Principals and/or site managers must manage asbestos containing materials in accordance with the Asbestos Management Plan.

3. Responsibility for Implementation and Compliance

Principals and/or site managers are responsible for implementation of the policy.

Director, Asset Planning and Services is responsible for compliance monitoring.

4. Scope

The policy applies to all principals and site managers.

5. Definitions

Asbestos

Any fibrous form of mineral silicates belonging to the Serpentine and Amphibole groups of rock forming minerals. These include Actinolite, Amosite (brown asbestos), Anthophyllite, Chrysotile (white asbestos), Crocidolite (blue asbestos) and Tremolite, or any mixture of one or more of the mineral silicates belonging to these groups.

Asbestos containing material (ACM)

Any material, object, product or debris containing asbestos.

Asbestos management plan

The Department of Education publication that describes how asbestos containing materials in public schools and Department workplaces are managed.

6. Related documents

Relevant legislation or authority

Occupational Safety and Health Act (1984)

Occupational Safety and Health Regulations (1996)

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (NOHSC) procedures

Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos [NOHSC: 2002 (2005)]

Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces [NOHSC: 2018 (2005)]

Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1982

Environment Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulation 2004

Related Department documents

Incident Management on Department of Education Sites Policy

Occupational Safety and Health

Student Health Care in Public Schools Policy and Procedures

Risk and Business Continuity Management

Other documents

Asbestos Management Plan

7. Contact information

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8. History of changes

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Notes	Major review undertaken. Policy recast into new policy format with mandated Asbestos Management Plan (D15/0438848). OOS Corporate Executive approval, endorsed by the Director General at Corporate Executive on 30 November 2015.
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Notes	Minor changes to include reference to Public Schools D18/0151652 and update position titles and contact information D18/0374984.

9. More information

Supporting content

Guideline

[Asbestos Management Plan](#)

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