



Procedure

Saskatoon & Area - Occupational Health & Safety

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Title: Physical Hazard: Asbestos

Saskatchewan Employment Act:

OHS Regulation: 23-1, 23-16

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Purpose

To ensure that workers who are likely to be employed in an asbestos process or are likely to be exposed to asbestos are informed of the health risks and trained and educated on how to protect themselves from exposure to asbestos

Procedure

- If there is concern about a potential exposure to asbestos (i.e. due to damage of protective clothing on a pipe) or if there is an unknown substance that may be asbestos this should be reported to manager/supervisor
- The incident should be reported to the Safety Alert System/Incident Reporting Line
- Manager/Supervisor should contact Facilities Management (FM) to request an assessment of the area and develop an asbestos management plan as required
- Area should be blocked off to minimize traffic through area
- Information should be communicated to workers in area about FM findings, the process that may be needed for removal and the precautions that will be in place

Non-Compliance/Breach:

Non-compliance with this policy will result in a review of the incident. A review for non-compliance may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment or privileges; fines and /or prosecution of individuals under the Saskatchewan Employment Act and OHS Regulations.

References

- SHA Asbestos Management <https://documentfinder.saskhealthauthority.ca/en>
- Table 5 of the Saskatchewan OHS Regulations defines asbestos removal by High, Moderate and Low Risk
- WorkSafe Saskatchewan: Guidelines for Managing Asbestos in Buildings: <https://www.worksafesask.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Guidelines-for-managing-asbestos.pdf>

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