

## **Advice to Applicant/Agent Regarding the Removal and Disposal of**

### **Asbestos**

**Breathing in air containing asbestos fibres can lead to asbestos related diseases, mainly cancers of the lung and chest lining. Asbestos must be handled with great care at all times to avoid any risk of inhalation of asbestos fibres. All forms of asbestos material can release fibres if disturbed. This applies equally to bonded asbestos (eg asbestos roofing material) when it is broken or abraded.**

**The removal and disposal of asbestos waste is controlled by legislation enforced by The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Health and Safety Enforcement Authorities i.e. Health and Safety Executive (HSE) or Local Authority Environmental Health.**

#### **Removal of Asbestos Material**

You are advised to contact the appropriate Health and Safety enforcement authority to determine whether the asbestos in your development will be required to be removed by a licensed contractor.

Normal Low Risk Materials include asbestos cement roofing tiles or asbestos containing floor tiles.  
High Risk Materials include asbestos pipe lagging or asbestos insulating boarding.

The removal of any 'high risk' material will require the services of a Licensed Contractor.

Further information can be found on the HSE website: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/>

**Note: The reuse of amphibole asbestos containing materials is prohibited by the Asbestos (Prohibitions) Regulations 1992. The reuse of products which contain largely chrysotile asbestos, such as asbestos cement, is prohibited in most circumstances by the Asbestos (Prohibitions) Regulations 1992 as amended by the Asbestos (Prohibitions) Amendment Regulations 1999.**

#### **Transport and Disposal of Asbestos**

All forms of asbestos are classed as hazardous waste. The transport and disposal of hazardous waste is controlled by SEPA. A registered waste carrier in possession of a valid waste carrier's certificate must transport the hazardous waste.

Asbestos comes under the Special Waste Regulations 1996 (as amended) and as such requires documentation to track its movement. SEPA can supply the necessary forms (a fee applies). You must contact your local SEPA office for further advice and to arrange the necessary paperwork. A pre-notification period of 72 hours will apply.

*See contact addresses overleaf*

## Contact Addresses

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