

## ***ASBESTOS FACT SHEET***

### **BEFORE YOU DO ANY RENOVATION OR DEMOLITION YOU MUST HAVE YOUR BUILDING OR HOME INSPECTED FOR THE PRESENCE OF "ASBESTOS"**

#### **WHAT DOES THE LAW STATE ABOUT RENOVATION AND DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES?**

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT LICENSING  
RULE WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE  
RULES DIVISION OF HEALTH  
TITLE 64 SERIES 63 1998

This rule established procedures and standards for the training and licensure of persons engaging in activities relating to asbestos abatement activities. This rule also identified the responsibilities of owners of building or other man-made structures where asbestos activities are being conducted.

#### **Responsibilities of Owners**

**The owner must ensure that each building or other man-made structure he or she owns is inspected for the presence of asbestos by a licensed asbestos inspector prior to any renovation or demolition activities;**

#### 64-63-2. Definitions

2.14. Building or Other Man-Made Structure. A building or a part of a building, or a group of buildings on the same premises, or any other type of man-made construction, such as a pipeline, barn, shed, trailer, or any appurtenance to a building or other man-made structure.

2.3. Asbestos Abatement: Procedures to control fiber release from asbestos-containing materials.

2.4. Asbestos Abatement Project: An activity involving the repair, removal, enclosure, or encapsulation of asbestos-containing material: Provided, That the removal of less than three (3) square feet or three (3) linear feet of asbestos containing materials required in the performance of a maintenance activity not intended solely as asbestos abatement is not considered to be an asbestos abatement project.

#### **WHERE CAN ASBESTOS BE FOUND?**

- Exterior Surfaces: window putty, roof felt, shingles, mastics and cement asbestos board siding.
- Interior Surfaces: sprayed on popcorn acoustical ceilings, wall and ceiling plasters, heat reflectors (woodstoves) and acoustical tiles.
- Heating and Ventilation: heat source covering, door and cover gaskets, pipe insulation, and air duct covering.
- Flooring: sheet vinyl's, tiles and mastics.

This does not include every product or material that may contain asbestos, but is intended as a general guide to show various types of materials that may contain asbestos.

#### **HERE ARE THE STEPS YOU NEED TO TAKE AS THE OWNER**



Retain a West Virginia licensed asbestos inspector to conduct an inspection of areas affected by the renovation and/or demolition activity.



If no asbestos-containing materials (ACM) are identified, you may proceed with renovation or demolition activities. Provided that you have also complied with the applicable requirements of WV Code of State Rule 45 CSR 15 - EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS PURSUANT TO 40 CFR PART 61, administered by the WV Department of Environmental Protection – Division of Air Quality. For information call (304) 926-0499.



If ACM are present, those materials may only be abated by a West Virginia licensed asbestos abatement contractor.

#### **WHERE DO I GET A LIST OF ASBESTOS INSPECTORS AND CONTRACTORS?**

From the WVDHHR BPH Asbestos Compliance Program web site at:  
[www.wvdhhr.org/rtia/licensing.asp](http://www.wvdhhr.org/rtia/licensing.asp)

If you do not have access to the website, you may call **(304) 356-4276** to obtain a written list of licensed Inspectors and Contractors.

#### **TO GET ANSWERS ABOUT ASBESTOS RELATED QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS?**

You may contact the WVDHHR BUREAU FOR PUBLIC HEALTH Office Of Environmental Health Services at:  
**(304) 558-2981**