

## Asbestos Survey Requirements

All commercial buildings regardless of construction date and residential buildings constructed before 2004 must have an asbestos survey conducted by an accredited inspector prior to any demolition or renovation activities.

A copy of the asbestos survey report must be on-site during all renovation or demolition activities, and must be provided to DEQ upon request.

Owner occupants of a single family home performing their own home renovation project are exempt from the asbestos survey rule. However, DEQ recommends owner occupants have an asbestos survey performed or take samples of [suspect materials](#) and send to a lab for analysis prior to renovation projects even though it's not required. Owner occupants are required to follow all asbestos packaging, labeling and disposal requirements, and lab analysis is the only way to identify if asbestos is present in materials.

### Demolition and renovation

Demolition is defined as wrecking that involves the removal of any load-supporting component or intentional burning.

Renovation is defined as altering one or more building components that does not involve removing a load-supporting component. Renovation includes the replacement, stripping, or repair of building components, such as mechanical ventilation systems, pipes, ceilings, walls, flooring, and insulating materials.

### Who can perform the survey and produce the asbestos survey report?

Only an accredited AHERA inspector may perform the asbestos survey and produce an asbestos survey report.

For training courses, contact PBS Environmental Building Consultants at 503-248-1939 or Asbestos Training Project at 503-233-7707.

### What does the survey involve?

DEQ generally requires a sample of each type of material suspected to contain asbestos to be collected and analyzed at a laboratory before any demolition or renovation activity.

When complete demolition or extensive renovation is planned, an asbestos survey of the entire facility is required. When partial

renovation is planned, such as a kitchen remodel, a survey is required for that area of the structure only. If a single material, such as sheet vinyl flooring is to be removed, then an accredited inspector must take a sample of each layer of flooring and have it analyzed. Alternatively, the material can be presumed to contain asbestos, in which case it must be treated, removed, handled, managed, transported and disposed of as asbestos-containing material.

### An asbestos survey report includes all of the following:

- Dates the asbestos survey was performed
- A copy of the accredited inspectors certificate and their phone numbers
- The project site address and location where the survey was performed
- The facility owner or operator's name and phone
- Description of the facility and area surveyed, including past and current use, area square footage, approximate construction date and number of floors
- The purpose of the asbestos survey
- Description of any limitation of the asbestos survey
- A table listing all of the materials sampled and identified as asbestos-containing or presumed asbestos-containing including the percent asbestos and type of asbestos, description of the material color, texture and pattern, the location of the material, description of the material condition as in good condition or in poor condition, identification of the material as friable or nonfriable and the approximate quantity of the material;
- A recommended response action
- A complete copy of the laboratory report including the laboratory name, address and phone number, unique sample analysis identification number, bulk sample analysis results, name of the analyst and the completed chain of custody for the samples.

### Additional information

Visit [www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/Pages/Asbestos-Information.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/Pages/Asbestos-Information.aspx)

Find all DEQ's asbestos requirements in [Oregon Administrative Rules 340, Division 248](#).

An asbestos survey may not be required if the project meets certain conditions. If you have



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### Asbestos Program

#### Contact Information:

Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Tillamook and Washington Counties, call the **Northwest Region – Portland Office** at 503-229-5982, 503-229-5364 or 800-452-4011.

Benton, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties, call the **Western Region – Salem Office** at 503-378-5086 or 800-349-7677.

Jackson, Josephine and Eastern Douglas Counties, call the **Western Region – Medford Office** at 541-776-6107 or 877-823-3216.

Coos, Curry and Western Douglas Counties, call the **Western Region – Coos Bay Office** at 541-269-2721, ext. 222.

Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Sherman and Wasco Counties, call the **Eastern Region – Bend Office** at 541-633-2019 or 866-863-6668.

Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler Counties, call the **Eastern Region – Pendleton Office** at 541-278-4626 or 800-304-3513.

Lane County, call the **Lane Regional Air Protection Agency** at 541-736-1056.

questions or need technical assistance, contact asbestos program staff.

Contact [a professional asbestos abatement contractor](#) with any concerns about proper asbestos removal.

If asbestos-containing materials are disturbed or mishandled, the public and the environment may be exposed to asbestos fibers. Violations of asbestos rules and statues may subject the property owner or operator or the contractor to civil penalties.

### **Alternative formats**

DEQ can provide documents in an alternate format or in a language other than English upon request. Call DEQ at 800-452-4011 or email [deqinfo@deq.state.or.us](mailto:deqinfo@deq.state.or.us).