

ASBESTOS

Breathe easy, with QBM by your side.

QBM will keep you up to date

The laws have changed regarding asbestos and they require immediate action. Under Government legislation as at 1 January 2012, all asbestos – both tightly and loosely bonded or friable (previously known as materials and products), are to be classed as “asbestos materials” or “ACM” and recorded in an Asbestos Register.

The danger of doing nothing

Penalties apply to owners who do not abide by the act.

Far more serious however, is the danger asbestos poses to people's health. It is estimated that the number of people diagnosed with asbestos related diseases will not peak until 2020 – by then there will be approximately 13,000 cases of mesothelioma and up to 40,000 cases of asbestos-related lung cancer*.

Asbestos is a deadly material. You can protect the health of people around you by calling QBM for an asbestos audit today.

*Estimated by Prof Henderson, Flinders University, www.adfa.org.au

The solution is simple

QBM can guide you through the entire asbestos detection process. Here's what we can do for you:

- Provide an obligation free quote for an asbestos audit.
- Send one of our trained inspectors to perform the audit

- If asbestos is identified or assumed we will give you a comprehensive written report of the findings – an Asbestos Materials Report & Register (AMRR) – which contains details of the location, type, condition, risk rating and photographic evidence of any asbestos within the building or complex
- All sampling will be analysed by a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratory
- Provide you with an Asbestos Management Plan to complete your obligation under the Act.
- Provide online asbestos awareness training.

Are you prepared?

Important: If you own or manage a workplace, you MUST ensure that all asbestos is identified and an Asbestos Register is prepared. If you do not, you are in breach of the Workplace Health and Safety Act and you must have an audit immediately.

When was the building constructed?

Asbestos was widely used as construction and insulation material in buildings until the late 1980s when bans on its manufacture and use were put in place. However, the use of asbestos was only completely prohibited on 31 December 2003, as the bans were not absolute prior to 2003.

However, due to the importing of materials from overseas, it has been identified that even buildings constructed today may contain asbestos.

“ If you own or manage a workplace, all asbestos must be identified and an asbestos register developed. ”

Were there any refurbishments or additions to the building?

Any refurbishments or extensions to the original building may have involved the use of asbestos. Even if the original parts of the building did not contain asbestos, it should not be assumed that subsequent additions have no asbestos.

We've got you covered

Asbestos is just one of the many areas in which QBM can help you stay well informed and up to date with the latest legislation.

Below is a list of other areas in which we can offer you guidance and assistance, taking a load off your mind and keeping you compliant.

- Fire Compliance
- Sinking Fund Forecast
- Insurance Valuation
- Safety Risk Assessment (WH&S / OHS)
- Defects Listing
- Asbestos Report & Register

Stay One Step Ahead and call QBM today on 1300 880 466

