

Introduction: This standard describes the requirements for working with or removing asbestos-containing materials and references the provincial Code of Practice that must be followed for all asbestos work.

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 - a) The use or reuse of sprayable asbestos fireproofing, asbestos pipe insulation, or asbestos-containing insulation of any type is prohibited. Materials are considered to be asbestos-free if they contain less than one percent by volume of asbestos.
 - b) Asbestos-containing products may be used only if effective alternative products are not available. Where alternative products are available existing inventories of asbestos-containing material shall be quarantined and disposed of following practices acceptable to the Department of the Environment.
 - c) Existing asbestos containing materials may be left in place where they do not present a hazard and will be undisturbed. To satisfy this requirement friable materials shall be covered and in good condition and be inspected for damage on a regular schedule. Where normal work activities are likely to disturb or damage asbestos-containing materials the materials shall be guarded or covered to prevent damage, or be removed.
 2.
 - a) All work involving or likely to disturb asbestos containing materials shall be done in accordance with the procedures and requirements of “A Code of Practice for Working With Materials Containing Asbestos in New Brunswick,” March 19, 1992.
 - b) All staff performing asbestos work shall be trained in the hazards of asbestos exposure, the work methods to be followed and the proper use and care of any required protective equipment.
 - c) Except with the express approval of Health of Safety, all Class 3 work shall be done by qualified contractors working under the direct and full time supervision of an experienced asbestos consultant. The asbestos consultant shall perform regular air sampling and document that the work is performed correctly and safely.
 3. Where work will involve or disturb materials that may contain asbestos, the presence or absence of asbestos shall be ascertained or the material shall be assumed to contain asbestos. Where building records do not indicate if asbestos is present accepted bulk sampling and analysis procedures shall be used to determine if asbestos is present. Contact Health and Safety if advice on sampling or analysis is required.
 4. Where the presence of asbestos-containing materials is known, a site-specific asbestos management program shall be established as required by the Code of Practice.
 5. The supervisor in charge shall ensure that notification is given to the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission, as required in the Code of Practice, before commencing any Class 2 or 3 project. The same notification shall be given the Health and Safety Division.
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Reference/Appendix:

1. New Brunswick Regulation 92-106 under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, "The Code of Practice for Working With Material Containing Asbestos Regulation."
2. "A Code of Practice for Working With Materials Containing Asbestos in New Brunswick", March 19, 1992. Prepared by the Workplace Health Safety and Compensation Commission.
3. Designated Substances in the Workplace: A Guide to the Asbestos Regulation for Construction Projects, Buildings and Repair Operations, Ontario Ministry of Labour, April 1987.

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