

Our **ASBESTOS Safety Booklet** is available to our subcontractors via our internet portal.



## Asbestos Awareness

### Health & Safety News

Keeping our people safe at work is a key priority for SHL and for our trades' contractors. Old asbestos is one of our most concerning hazards; identifying and dealing with it is one of our biggest risks.

#### Course topics include:

- ◆ Likely locations of ACMs in residential buildings and how to obtain information on their presence before beginning work
- ◆ Nature, properties and uses of ACMs
- ◆ Hazards and risks posed by ACMs, the health effects of exposure and how to avoid them
- ◆ What to do in the event of discovering or disturbing suspected ACMs
- ◆ How people should safeguard themselves and others while carrying out maintenance where ACMs might be present
- ◆ Handling, removal, decontamination, transportation and disposal methods
- ◆ The relevant legislation.



We're mitigating the asbestos risk by implementing comprehensive asbestos awareness training. The objective of the training is to increase the awareness and knowledge of everyone who might undertake minor maintenance work where asbestos containing materials (ACMs) might be present. That means where there could be up to 10 square meters of bonded non-friable asbestos.

The tradespeople at the highest risk of exposure are electricians, plumbers and builders.

Our health and safety team has developed and is facilitating comprehensive asbestos awareness workshops for groups of our own field and administration staff.



Secondly, we are subsidising attendance at a half-day Protec Asbestos Competency training course for contractors who are likely to disturb asbestos and for others who have been selected to safely manage the removal of asbestos containing materials up to 10 square metres.

We're proud to have received some great feedback from a number of WorkSafe and Housing NZ Corporation people who attended our first in-house Asbestos Awareness Workshop. Their positivity and encouragement have bolstered our confidence that our health and safety team is making a real difference.

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