



# Asbestos Presentation Working Well Together - Seminar



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## Introduction



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## The Scenario

### Kitchen and Bathroom Refurbishment

**Client** – Local Authority

**Brief Description of Works** – Full refurbishment of kitchen and bathroom areas within an occupied property. Including the rewire of kitchen and bathroom circuits.



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## The Process

**1.** Identify information received from the client. (pre-construction information)

**2.** Check whether information is fit for purpose or if further surveys are required

**3.** Commission full and R and D survey to be carried out if information provided is not suffice

**4.** Identify to asbestos surveyors what works are being carried out

**5.** Once Asbestos report is received check off and ensure all areas of works have been covered

**6.** Arrange removal of asbestos if works have the potentially to disturb ACM's

**7.** Ensure all operatives have Asbestos Awareness training and briefed on asbestos report findings



## — CAR 2012 REG 5 Identification of the Presence of Asbestos

- Before carrying out any work involving the potential disturbance of asbestos, **employers** should find out if the part of the building likely to be disturbed contains asbestos and, if so, the type and condition.
- Alternatively, employers should assume that the part of the building to be disturbed contains the most hazardous types of asbestos, crocidolite (blue) or amosite (brown)



## Two Construction companies fined following Asbestos Exposure

Two construction companies have been fined after sub-contractors working under their control were exposed to asbestos fibres during school refurbishment work.

Derby Crown Court heard that on 1 August 2016, Oakwood Junior school in Derby was undergoing refurbishment work during the school holidays. During the work, two subcontractors removing suspended ceiling tiles from rooms in the school entered a storage room which had a suspended ceiling made from asbestos containing ceiling tiles. They started to remove the tiles, unaware that they contained asbestos, potentially exposing themselves to harmful asbestos fibres. A licensed asbestos removal company working on site alerted management to the situation and action was taken to stop the work and deal with the contamination.

An investigation by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) found that Ashe Construction Limited, the principal contractor for the project, failed to effectively plan, manage and monitor the work to prevent the accidental removal of the asbestos containing tiles. Ashe Construction Limited failed to effectively communicate information about the asbestos, leaving the storage room open without barriers or signage warning of asbestos. The work was not then suitably managed or monitored to ensure that nobody came into contact with the asbestos.

The HSE investigation also found that Cladceil Limited, a contractor appointed by Ashe Construction Ltd to carry out the suspended ceiling removal work, also failed to effectively plan, manage and monitor the work. The company appointed a sub-contractor to remove the suspended ceilings on its behalf but provided only a generic risk assessment and method statement which failed to identify important information, including the asbestos risk.

Ashe Construction Limited, Ashe House, Cooks Way, Hitchin, Herefordshire, SG4 0JE, pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 13(1) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 and Section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974. It was fined £100,000 and ordered to pay costs of £9,759.76.

Gladceil Limited, 2 Lace Market Square, Nottingham, NG11 1PB, pleaded guilty to breaching Regulation 15(2) of the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015. It was fined £12,000 and ordered to pay costs of £47,184.48.

# Construction, Design & Management Regulations 2015

## 13(1)

The principal contractor must plan, manage and monitor the construction phase and coordinate matters relating to health and safety during the construction phase to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, construction work is carried out without risks to health or safety.

## 15(2)

A contractor must plan, manage and monitor construction work carried out either by the contractor or by workers under the contractor's control, to ensure that, so far as is reasonably practicable, it is carried out without risks to health and safety.



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### Asbestos Good and Bad Report Example

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Two seemingly similar asbestos reports, can vary significantly with regards to, being fit for purpose and quality.

Report 16769 

Examples to be discussed.

Report 16770 





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## Potential Accidental Release

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**1.** Notify manager do not leave vicinity

**2.** Secure area Access by authorised people with correct PPE only

**3.** Risk Assess the area and implement additional control measures as required

**4.** Instruct commencement of environmental and remediation works controlled as appropriate

**5.** Instruct licenced asbestos contractor to take samples



An aerial night view of a city, showing numerous buildings and streets illuminated by lights. The scene is dark, with the city lights providing the primary illumination. The text "Any Questions?" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

**Any Questions?**

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