

Asbestos Removal Checklist

This checklist can be used as a tool to assist licensed asbestos removalist's meet their regulatory obligations and includes key references to the relevant legislation.

Checklist				
Ask yourself these questions	WHS Regulation	Y	N	Notes/Comments
Is there an asbestos register?	450 and 463			
Has the structure been inspected to determine whether asbestos is present?	451-453			
Is the workplace secured from unauthorised access?	298			
Are barricades erected to delineate the asbestos removal area?	469			
Is there adequate signage for asbestos removal work?	469			

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Are adequate facilities available for workers (toilets, meal area, drinking water, means to wash hands)?	41			
Is there an adequate first aid kit available?	42			
Is someone trained in first aid?	42			
Is there an emergency plan for the workplace?	43			
Is the designated asbestos supervisor present for friable work?	459 and 529			
Is the designated asbestos supervisor present for non friable work (ie able to arrive at the workplace within 20 minutes)?	459 and 529			
Does the contractor hold the correct licence for the work being undertaken?	485 and 487			
Has licensed removal work been notified to SafeWork NSW?	142 and 466			
Are work surfaces and access ways clear of debris and trip hazards?	40			
Is there an asbestos removal control plan prepared?	464			

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Is the Asbestos Removal Control Plan readily accessible?	465			
Are there arrangements (eg health and safety representative, health and safety committee or other agreed arrangements) to consult with workers on safety matters?	Sections 47 –49 of the WHS Act			
Have safe work method statements been prepared for high risk construction work?	299			
Do all persons working with asbestos have correct training?	460			
Do all workers have construction induction cards?	316			
Is plant inspected on a regular basis?	213			
Do workers have high risk work licences (if required)?	81			
Do I have correct personal protective and respiratory protective equipment?	44			
Is my respirator a comfortable size and fit and suitable for the condition of asbestos being removed?	44			
Have I been fit tested to my respirator and have a certificate of compliance?	44			

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Am I clean shaven? If not clean shaven a loose fitting PAPR must be used, however this is only suitable for non-friable asbestos removal	44			
Have all services been disconnected (ie electrical, gas, water, fire)?	163			
Is dust generated by demolition activity being controlled?	35			
If air monitoring is undertaken, is it done by a competent person? (LAA for Class A work)	475 and 482			
Are workers prevented from falling through open penetrations and unprotected edges?	78			
Are exclusion zones or overhead protection in place to stop building debris from falling on workers below?	54			
Is a compliant scaffold provided?	225			
Has the handover certificate been provided for the scaffold?	225			
For a Class A Friable Asbestos Removal License holder, is there a current certified safety management system in place?	493			
Are arrangements in place for a clearance inspection to be carried out, after asbestos is removed, by an independent licensed assessor or competent person?	473			

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Is asbestos waste and contaminated PPE planned to be disposed of as soon as practicable at a site authorised to accept asbestos waste?	472			
Has notification of asbestos removal been given to the neighbours?	467			
Are there facilities available to decontaminate the following: asbestos removal area, plant used in the asbestos removal area, workers carrying out asbestos removal work, other persons who have access to the asbestos removal area?	471			
Does the licence holder have systems in place for decontamination and annual maintenance of Class H asbestos vacuum cleaners?	35			
Has health monitoring for workers been undertaken by a licensed medical practitioner?	435-444			

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