



Southern Shield

Good/ Best Practice feedback

Nature of works

Trial holes in asbestos risk areas

Date of good practice note

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Asbestos emergency preparedness



Description of the good practice

While it is a requirement to test emergency plans, when was the last time you saw this done with asbestos situations?

JMS have been setting this up across all Asbestos potential sites in order that they are prepared should fibres be found. An independent LARC (Licenced Asbestos Removal Contractor) is employed and told to (at random) initiate controls to the same RAMS remit as if Asbestos had been found. The LARC will then take full control of the work site if suspected asbestos is found. This will involve cordoning off the area, decontamination process and arranging for samples of the suspected material. Unannounced Emergency response process is practiced on site.

What are the benefits?

- Emergency preparedness
- Provable display of control
- Emergency procedure can be validated
- Gap analysis can be undertaken.

Are there any drawbacks?

Not every team uses this, it does require a temporary cessation of works as with any emergency practice run

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