

Department of Environment and Conservation
DISPOSAL OF MATERIAL CONTAINING ASBESTOS

ASBESTOS FOR DISPOSAL TO BE SEPARATED, WRAPPED AND LABELLED

Asbestos material must be:

1. Separated from other material for disposal where that is reasonably practicable;
2. Wrapped or contained in a manner that prevents asbestos fibres entering the atmosphere during transportation by road;
3. Labelled or marked with the words “CAUTION ASBESTOS” in letters no less than 50 millimetres high.

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All asbestos material must be disposed at a disposal site licensed under *Part V* of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* to accept asbestos waste. The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) may also approve other facilities to accept asbestos material.

Please see the end of this fact sheet for details of disposal sites licensed to accept asbestos material.

DUTY TO NOTIFY OTHERS OF PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS

A person who takes material containing asbestos to a disposal site (or facility approved by the DEC) **MUST** inform the person who operates or controls that facility that the material is, or contains asbestos.

PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Penalties exist if an offence is committed under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (such as pollution caused from the illegal disposal of waste). Failure to comply with the *Litter Act 1979* can result in a fine of up to \$1000.

CONTACTS

For information on safe handling of asbestos products, and asbestos in the home, contact:

The Environmental Health Officer, in your local government

OR

Department of Health (WA) (08) 9388 4999

For a brochure on “Asbestos Cement Products in Your House” contact:

Health Info Line 1300 135 030

For information about asbestos in the workplace, approved asbestos removalists or appropriate handling of asbestos including safety wear, contact:

Worksafe (Department of Consumer and Employment Protection) 1300 307 877

For information about asbestos-related diseases, contact:

Asbestos Disease Society of Australia (08) 9344 4077

For information on disposal sites licensed to accept asbestos waste, contact:

Your Local Regional DEC Office

Head Office (08) 6364 6500

PLEASE NOTE

Under the *Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulation 2004*, licences and permits are **NOT** required for the off-site removal, transportation or disposal of material containing asbestos.