



Asbestos Legislation Guidance

The Asbestos Legislation and Guidance, and notes on best practice available in Ireland are:

ONE - Asbestos: The survey guide

'Asbestos: The survey guide' (Ref: HSG264) which was published by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is aimed at those who commission asbestos surveys, the surveyors who carry them out, and those who use them such as architects and demolition or removal contractors.

TWO - Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2006-2010 and Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Exposure to Asbestos) Regulations 2006-2010

Under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2006, there is a specific requirement to identify 'any particular risk' including the possibility of the presence of asbestos or asbestos-containing materials in a building. The asbestos regulations require a building to be surveyed for asbestos-containing materials prior to any maintenance work or refurbishment/demolition work taking place.

THREE - Health and Safety Executive in the UK

The Health and Safety Executive in the UK have published documents, which may be regarded by the Irish Courts as 'best practice' or industry standards.

1. HSG 264 –Asbestos: The Surveying Guide
2. HSG227 on the Managing Asbestos in Buildings

These documents give information on how to carry out a survey for asbestos and asbestos-containing materials and how to assess the risk due to the presence of asbestos or asbestos-containing materials. They also specify the competency required to undertake surveys.

FOUR - Risk assessment process designed by HSE

The risk assessment process (also known as risk algorithms) designed by HSE, allow asbestos-containing materials to be ranked according to a Material Assessment algorithm and a Priority Assessment algorithm.

Once this type of risk assessment process has been carried out by a competent person the information may be used to guide the employer in the best course of action to be taken regarding management, removal, encapsulation, etc of the asbestos-containing materials.

Why Work With OHSS?

OHSS is accredited to **ISO17020** (Surveying for Asbestos in Premises and Risk Assessments) and **ISO17025** (Analysis of Asbestos in Bulk Materials). This certification means that our survey methods, analysis, quality management system and report format meet the highest quality standards available.

OHSS is accredited by the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) to undertake inspection surveys of asbestos in buildings, and for the analysis of asbestos in materials, and to carry out risk assessments where asbestos is identified.

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