



Safe Work Method Statement – Involving removal or likely disturbance of asbestos

This SWMS needs to be reviewed against site conditions upon commencing work. Where site conditions prevent works to be carried out in accordance with this SWMS than another is to be written and Site Supervisor notified.

Principle Builder:	Blakes Master Builders	Contractor:	
Builder Contact Phone:	53 452 632	Work Location:	Blakes Master Builders Construction Sites
High Risk Construction Work:	Involving removal or likely disturbance of asbestos	Site Supervisor	Paul Talbot and Brad Blake
Date of SWMS:		Review Date:	12 months from submission
What measures are in place to ensure compliance with the SWMS?	Blakes Master Builders will conduct regular site Audits to ensure compliance of this or any other SWMS.		
Have workers been consulted about the SWMS?	All workers are required to be consulted with regards to the SWMS and control measures contained in the SWMS.		
Person Responsible for ensuring compliance with SWMS	Different contractors will encounter different high-risk activities. All contractors are responsible for reviewing this SWMS against site conditions and ensure work occurs in accordance with the SWMS.		
Person Responsible for reviewing the SWMS	Contractors should review this SWMS and apply the control measures outlined for the various high-risk activities that they may undertake. When works cannot occur in accordance with this SWMS then contact is to be made with the site supervisor.		

Tasks Involved	What are the hazards and risks?	What are the control measures for the hazards?
Pre-start check at site	-Site hazards may impair works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake pre-site inspection verify conditions on site will enable works to be carried out in accordance with the SWMS. • Discuss site specific works with the Site Supervisor reviewing site signage, Safety Management Plan, for site specific hazards • Ensure all employees are made aware of any site specific hazards to works • If SWMS are to be changed copy is to be provided to site supervisor • Construction Inducted employees and contractors are only allowed to undertake construction works • Only certified and/or licensed personnel are to operate mobile equipment and removal of asbestos • Operation of items of plant are to be undertaken by certified or licensed workers
Preparation and Consultation	-Exposure to asbestos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removal work to be assigned to a suitably qualified asbestos removals - Notify regulatory authority of proposed removal works - Co-ordinate the works with the nominated hygienist with regards to methods to be employed, inspections, decontamination, control monitoring and clearance inspections - Ensure all parties have been notified of the commencement of works - Asbestos removal company to prepare an asbestos removal control plan & identify asbestos containing materials

Work in public spaces	-Potential exposure to asbestos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolate the site where possible with 1.8m high fence with chain link and lockable gate • Restrict access from general public <p>Option 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolate asbestos work with barriers • extending 10m from asbestos • Provide public with knowledge of work undertaken and assist with any concerns • Erect appropriate signs and always keep all access points locked
Windows, doors and air intakes to be sealed	-Potential exposure to asbestos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows, air intakes, and ventilators that lead into occupied areas are to be sealed off • Lay plastic drop sheets to work areas to minimize clean up and cross contamination • For internal works doorways are to be sealed off
Isolate electrical services	-Electrocution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolate or remove power sources affecting the area • Use protected RCD equipment when using power • All power tools to be inspected and tagged
Personal Protective equipment to be used	-Exposure to asbestos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During any work in the contaminated area prior to final clearance hooded asbestos overalls are to be worn • A P3 filter with half face respirator to be used • Approved safety footwear, eyewear, ear protection, and canvas gloves to be worn
Removal of asbestos containing materials	-Exposure to asbestos	Removal of asbestos to be performed in accordance with the requisite state code of practice for the removal of asbestos containing materials.
Cleaning of work zone following removal	-Asbestos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following removal works all surfaces are to be thoroughly cleaned using HEPA filtered vacuum and wet wipe techniques • On completion site is to be carefully checked for visible asbestos containing materials • Any asbestos materials found are to be placed into asbestos labeled 200mm plastic bags • The nominated hygienist is to issue a clearance certificate • Removal of barriers signage, fencing, and equipment can only be removed following the issuance of the clearing certificate
Waste Disposal	-Asbestos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All waste are to be placed into asbestos labelled drums or 200mm plastic bags • All waste is to be removed from site and transferred to the relevant state asbestos licensed landfill.
Clearance Inspection	-Asbestos	An independent hygienist is to supply monitoring and/or visual inspection to clear work areas for the safe re-entry by unprotected personnel
Identification of asbestos containing products	-Asbestos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where asbestos containing products are to remain in place during construction work they should be labelled as containing asbestos • Trades are to avoid damaging or removing the identified asbestos product. • If there is a need to remove the asbestos product due to construction difficulties contact is to be made with the Supervisor.
Accidental damage of asbestos cement sheeting	-Inhalation of airborne asbestos dusts	<p>If workers damage an identified asbestos installation they are to immediately notify the Supervisor. The following procedure shall be followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is to cease in the area where the asbestos cement sheet has been damaged and contact made with the Site Supervisor. An exclusion zone of 10sqm may be required around the damaged ACM. • The asbestos cement sheet and any debris shall be left in place and access to the area limited. Ensure no further contact or disturbance of the material occurs

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the clean up personnel performing the work shall wear PPE in the form of disposable overalls and a half face P2 respirator. • Dry sweeping of the asbestos shall not occur • Exposed asbestos cement sheeting can be sealed with the application of a glue and water mixture sprayed onto the surface or via an acrylic paint spray. • The asbestos waste shall be placed into a 200-micron asbestos waste bag, labelled and subsequently disposed of as asbestos waste in accordance with EPA requirements.

Name of Worker	Date	Signature