

## Types of Licensed Asbestos Works

The Regulations identify that there are 3 categories of work involving asbestos:

### Licensed

Licensed asbestos works includes work involving lagging and sprayed insulation, loose dust and small pieces of debris (gross contamination), asbestos insulation board (AIB) if significant work that exceeds the control limit.

All Licensed work must be done by suitably qualified, trained and competent persons with access to suitable equipment to prevent exposure to Asbestos.

### Notifiable Non-Licensed Asbestos Works (NNLW)

NNLW includes AIB if short duration work below the control limits and removal not part of maintenance works, textured decorative coatings when using gels/steam for large scale removal and electrical equipment insulation, ropes, gaskets if in poor condition or degraded during work (otherwise if virtually intact it would be non-licensed).

These 2 categories involve higher fibre release when disturbed and are therefore higher risk.

Non-licensed asbestos works includes AIB if short duration work below the control limit and part of maintenance work, textured decorative coatings only when carefully cutting around backing sheets to achieve removal intact, asbestos cement products and vinyl floor tiles, mastics etc.

It is strongly recommended that Building Services are contacted prior to carrying out any work on or around asbestos and that the corporate contract for licensed asbestos removal works is used, in order to ensure that these specific legal duties are complied with.

#### Exemptions from asbestos licensing and notification apply when:-

1. The exposure of employees to asbestos fibres is sporadic and of low intensity;
2. It is clear from the risk assessment that the exposure of any employee to asbestos will not exceed the control limit; and
3. The work involves:
  - a. Short, non-continuous maintenance activities in which only non friable materials are handled.
  - b. Removal without deterioration of non degraded materials in which the asbestos fibres are firmly linked in a matrix; or.
  - c. Encapsulation or sealing of asbestos-containing materials which are in good condition, or
  - d. Air monitoring and control, and the collection and analysis of samples to find out if a specific material contains asbestos.

It must be noted that all non-licensable work with asbestos will still need to be carried out in accordance with Regulations.

Therefore **all** non-licensable work with asbestos must be undertaken by trained and competent workers in accordance with a plan of work, using appropriate control measures to prevent exposure and spread of asbestos.