

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

Policy and procedure for the control of asbestos

Introduction

The Town Council recognises that breathing in air containing asbestos dust can lead to asbestos-related diseases. These are mainly cancers of the chest and lungs.

The Town Council aims to prevent exposure to asbestos as far as is reasonably practice in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of all individuals that may be potentially exposed to these materials.

To meet the aims under this policy, the Town Council will:

- ensure materials used in the future in buildings, plant and equipment do not contain asbestos
- take reasonable steps to locate materials that are likely to contain asbestos
- assume that any material contains asbestos unless there is evidence that it does not
- keep an up-to-date written record on the location of these materials
- monitor the condition of these materials
- assess the risk of exposure from asbestos and presumed-asbestos materials
- prepare and implement a management plan to control these risks
- ensure the written record on the location of asbestos materials is brought to the attention of persons who need to know eg building maintenance workers, contractors etc
- only allow work on asbestos, including its removal, to be carried out by suitably trained and equipped persons
- only allow work on asbestos insulation, asbestos coating and insulating board, including sealing and removal to be done only by a contractor licensed by HSE
- ensure that if asbestos is inadvertently disturbed, the offending work is immediately stopped, the affected area vacated and sealed off and urgent advice is sought
- not to install asbestos in buildings, plant or equipment.

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