



Asbestos Management Policy

Policy Statement

The Housing Authority is committed to ensuring that asbestos containing material in its assets will be managed and reduced over time to protect the health and well-being of tenants, staff, maintenance contractors and visitors.

Policy Objective

The Housing Authority's objective is for all its physical assets to be safe and this will be achieved through a risk-based strategy designed to safeguard those persons who occupy, service and visit its assets.

Scope

The Policy applies to all land, housing, commercial and remote essential services assets that the Housing Authority has a management interest in (owned or leased).

Principles

The Policy is underpinned by the following principles:

- The Policy is consistent with and supports the requirements of all relevant State legislation, and National Codes of Practice in relation to the management, control and removal of asbestos containing material, including but not limited to the *Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces* [NOHSC: 2018 (2005)] and the *Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos* 2nd Edition [NOHSC: 2002 (2005)].
- The Housing Authority will take practical steps to protect the health and safety of tenants, staff, maintenance contractors and visitors from the risks associated with asbestos containing material within its assets.
- Buildings with asbestos containing material are not purchased or leased for occupancy unless the asbestos is being managed in accordance with the *Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces* [NOHSC: 2018 (2005)].
- A risk-based approach will be utilised for the management and control of asbestos containing material.

Policy Implementation

The Authority's Asbestos Management and Awareness Strategy [to be issued] will provide direction for giving effect to the Policy and achieving its objective.