Renovating?

**BE SAFE & AVOID PENALTIES**

Asbestos exposure is dangerous. To increase job-site and environmental safety, building owners and contractor’s performing renovation projects, including residential structures, must comply with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) survey requirements. Failure to do so can result in significant financial penalties from the Clean Air Agency (up to $17,000/day of violation) without warnings issued.

Property owners and contractors, it is your responsibility to take actions to comply and avoid penalties (no exceptions).*

Prior to any renovations:

1. Check to see if a survey has been completed regardless of age of structure.
2. If none exists, a survey must be done to determine if asbestos is present. Survey must be conducted by an AHERA-certified building inspector. (you can find them online or in Yellow Pages)
3. The survey summary must be posted and communicated with anyone on a construction site who may come in contact with asbestos materials.
4. Prior to any asbestos material removal, a notification and fee must be submitted to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency website: [http://www.pscleanair.org/regulated/asbestos/default.aspx](http://www.pscleanair.org/regulated/asbestos/default.aspx)
5. Abatement must be performed by a certified asbestos contractor.*

For more information, including a comprehensive list of suspect asbestos-containing materials, please visit our website above, or contact Supervising Inspector, Rick Hess at 206-689-4029 or rickh@pscleanair.org.

*Homeowners of single-family owner-occupied dwellings may conduct their own survey to identify asbestos-containing materials. Homeowner-performed surveys must be accurate and comply with the regulations.

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**Examples of suspect materials in building products:**

- Surfacing material
- Flooring material
- Thermal insulation
- Cement products
- Fireproofing paper
- Sealants, mastics, gaskets