



## Advisory Bulletin

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### Subject:

Asbestos Abatement for Demolition Projects

### Background:

There are inherent dangers on construction and demolition sites throughout Calgary. Two of the many objectives in the Alberta Building Code are to:

- Limit the probability that specific circumstances related to the building or facility, a person in or adjacent to the building or facility will be exposed to an unacceptable risk of injury, and
- To minimize the risk of release of hazardous substances, which would include asbestos fibers.

Owners and Constructors, as defined under the Alberta Building Code, are jointly responsible for compliance with the Alberta Building Code during construction and demolition in accordance with the Safety Codes Act.

*The owner proposing to alter or demolish a building shall notify in writing the authority having Jurisdiction that the plans and specifications describing the asbestos management and abatement work have been submitted to Workplace Health and Safety for compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety legislation and that the work has been completed.*

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-Measures shall be taken during demolition to protect the public in conformance with CSA S350-M, "Code of Practice for Safety in Demolition of Structures," and Section 5.6 of Division B of the Alberta Fire Code 2014. (Article 8.1.1.3., Division A)

- Where the public is expected to be present, requirements for protective measures apply. (Subsection 8.2, Division A)

- Recognition of asbestos must be acknowledged as part of the application process for a demolition project. In order to provide a consistent means of providing that recognition, the **Asbestos Abatement Form** can be found on line at [Calgary.ca](http://Calgary.ca)

- The owner proposing to alter or demolish a building, must notify the City of Calgary in writing at the time of building permit application, that the plans and specifications describing the asbestos management and abatement work have been submitted to Workplace Health and Safety for compliance with Occupational Health and Safety legislation and that the work has been completed. (2.2.13.1.(6), Division C)

**Additional Information:**

- Should the City of Calgary, Development Approvals & Building Safety, receive public concerns related to asbestos abatement, The City will notify Alberta Health Services (AHS), and Occupational Health & Safety (OHS).
- It is the builder's responsibility to ensure proper measures to protect public health are in place. If AHS determines that a public health hazard is being created by any builder's project, AHS may require the project to stop. Legal action could also result.
- For more information on the role of AHS-Calgary Environmental Health in protecting public health, contact 403-943-2288.
- OHS Legislative requirements are available at [http://humanservices.alberta.ca/documents/WHS-LEG\\_ohsc\\_2009.pdf](http://humanservices.alberta.ca/documents/WHS-LEG_ohsc_2009.pdf) or by calling 1-866-415-8690.

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