

## Do you have asbestos in your buildings?

*Because of serious health risks associated with asbestos exposure, the U.S. EPA, U.S. Department of Labor (OSHA) and the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) have established regulations which apply to building renovation and demolition activities.*

*And remember...*

*The U.S. EPA has determined that it is the responsibility of your condominium board or association to ensure that all applicable rules are followed.*

*Asbestos Rules:*

*40 CFR 61 Subpart M  
Pinellas County Code 58-146*



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# Attention!

*Property Managers and  
Condominium Association  
Members*

*Are you or your unit owners  
planning to renovate?*



The Asbestos NESHAP (National Emissions Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants) applies to you!

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## Why does this apply to us?

*The U.S. EPA has determined that it is the responsibility of the condominium board or association to ensure that all rules are followed. Condominiums are regulated by the Asbestos NESHAP.*

**What is it?** Asbestos is a natural mineral known to have been used extensively in insulation, fireproofing, sound proofing and other building materials.



Suspected asbestos-containing materials detected during kitchen renovation project

**I thought they stopped using it!** Asbestos is *still being manufactured and used today* and can be found in many materials, some of which are listed in this brochure. Exposure to asbestos fibers (due to mishandling) has been linked to asbestosis (a scarring of lung tissue), lung cancer, and mesothelioma (cancer of the lining of the chest cavity).

**How is it regulated?** Pinellas County Air Quality, through partnerships with the State of Florida and the U.S. EPA, provides regulatory guidance to the community. Air Quality performs inspections of asbestos projects to ensure that required work practices are being followed. In this way, we minimize contamination to the outdoor air to protect the health of our community.

If you have questions about asbestos, please contact our office at (727) 464-4422.

## How do we know if we have asbestos?

An asbestos survey must be completed for all areas that are being renovated or demolished. The survey must be performed by a licensed asbestos consultant. It's the law. Keep this in an accessible place at all times.

## The Board (or residents) are planning renovation or demolition activity. Now what?

Here is a checklist that will help you comply with asbestos regulations and further protect your health:

An asbestos survey must be performed prior to any activity affecting individual units or common areas, including exterior surfaces.

- Only a State of Florida licensed consultant can perform an asbestos survey.
- The asbestos survey must be kept on site during any renovation or demolition activity which disturbs building materials
- In most circumstances, only a State of Florida licensed asbestos contractor can perform asbestos removal.
- Send a written notification to Pinellas County 10 working days prior to asbestos removal or any demolition activity. This form can be found on the Pinellas County website or can be faxed to you by calling our office.



Licensed asbestos abatement worker removing asbestos-containing ceiling

## Typical Suspect Asbestos Containing Materials\*

- Acoustical plaster
- Adhesives
- Base flashing
- Blown-insulation/wiring insulation
- Caulking/Putty
- Ceiling tiles
- Lay-in panels
- Cement pipes
- Cement siding
- Cement wallboard
- Decorative plaster
- Duct work connections
- Electrical cloth/partitions
- Fire doors/Fire proofing materials
- Exterior building coatings/panels
- High temperature gaskets
- Spackle/joint/taping compounds
- Mastic (floor, tile, carpet, cove base, mirror, etc.)
- Packing materials
- Pipe insulation
- Roofing shingles
- Popcorn/textured ceiling treatment
- Spray applied insulation
- Textured paints and coatings
- Vinyl sheet flooring/rolled vinyl floors
- Vinyl wall or floor coverings
- Wallboard

\*This list is not all-inclusive. Additional suspect materials may exist. (Over 3,000 products have been found to contain asbestos)

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