

DEMOLISHING?

CHECK FOR ASBESTOS BEFORE YOU START

Definition of demolition

Demolition means wrecking, razing, leveling, dismantling or burning of a structure, making the structure permanently uninhabitable or unusable.

You cannot legally start any demolition project or most renovation projects until certain asbestos requirements are met ...



Demolition Procedures



- Conduct an asbestos survey.**
The survey must be conducted by an AHERA-certified building inspector. (AHERA stands for Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act.) These inspectors are listed in the phone book yellow pages under "Asbestos Consulting and Testing."
- File a notification.**
A completed notification and fee must be submitted to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency using our Web site at www.pscleanair.org/regulated/asbestos before demolition begins.
- Properly remove asbestos.**
All friable asbestos-containing materials identified in the AHERA survey must be removed from the structure by an asbestos contractor prior to demolition.

For more information

This document contains only a summary of asbestos requirements. For full details, contact the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at www.pscleanair.org/regulated/asbestos, or call 206-689-4058. Failure to comply with asbestos requirements may result in penalties.

Note to contractors

Check with L&I for additional requirements at www.hni.wa.gov, or call:

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RENOVATING?

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Definition of renovation

Renovation means altering a facility or a component in any way, except demolition.

You cannot legally start most renovation projects or any demolition project until certain asbestos requirements are met ...



Renovation Procedures



- Conduct an asbestos survey.**
For almost all structures, an AHERA-certified building inspector must perform the survey. (AHERA stands for Asbestos Hazardous Emergency Response Act.) The only exception is for owner-occupied, single-family, non-multiple-unit dwellings where owners may conduct their own survey for suspect asbestos-containing materials (ACM). If ACM are found, they must be avoided (not disturbed) or properly removed prior to the renovation.
- File a notification.**
If any friable ACM is going to be removed from the structure, a notification and fee must be submitted to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency using our Web site at www.pscleanair.org/regulated/asbestos.
- Properly remove asbestos.**
Abatement work must be performed by a certified asbestos contractor, except homeowners may perform asbestos removal work in their owner-occupied, single-family, non-multiple-unit dwellings. Homeowner instructions are available from the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency for removal of popcorn ceilings, sheet vinyl flooring, and cement-asbestos board siding.

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