

## Weekly Safety Meeting

Safety by Design hopes you and your team benefit from this Tool Box Talk. Please note that this Tool Box Talk is intended as an overview of key points regarding this subject and is not intended to be complete training in accordance with any regulatory standards. If you have any questions or would like to obtain the appropriate training, please call Safety by Design at (832) 425-0556, or email us at info@safetybydesigninc.com. Thank you, and remember to always stay safe.

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Date</b>

## Asbestos Exposure

### DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND ASBESTOS ON YOUR JOB SITE?

Asbestos is a naturally-occurring mineral used for fireproofing and many other applications. Although asbestos has since been banned for many uses, it remains present in older construction, fireproofing and insulation products.

#### General:

- Asbestos is a natural fiber mineral that was used extensively in a variety of building material for insulation and as a fire retardant.
- Most products made today do not contain asbestos. However, materials made before the late 1970's may contain asbestos.
- The most dangerous asbestos fibers are the ones too small to see. They become airborne and we breath them in and they accumulate in the lungs.
- Exposure to high levels of friable asbestos can cause *Asbestosis, Mesothelioma, and Cancer*. Unfortunately, these diseases can take from 10 to 20 years to develop.
- The asbestos fibers can be released through drilling, grinding, cutting, buffing and/or sawing of asbestos containing materials.
- The mineral can be found in sprayed fireproofing, sprayed insulation, fire doors, pipe and boiler wrap, building insulation in walls and ceilings, cementing compounds used in plumbing, older shingles and siding.
- If you don't know if a material contains asbestos have a sample tested by a qualified person and do not disturb the area or material until you know the results of testing.
- If asbestos containing material must be removed, only have qualified companies/persons remove them. Otherwise if the material is in good condition it is best to leave it undisturbed.

**Some workplace hazards have an immediate effect, causing an injury or illness you can't miss while others, such as asbestos, take many years to do their damage. Asbestos causes no harm as long as it is contained, but if it is disturbed or disintegrating; asbestos can cause chronic and fatal lung disease. With proper precaution and training asbestos safety is possible.**

#### **Additional Topics and Meeting Attendees on back:**

Basic Fire Safety

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### ADDITIONAL TOPICS COVERED: (I.E. Hazcom, Emergency Plan)

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### MEETING ATTENDEES:

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