

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.lni.wa.gov, or call:

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RENOVATING?

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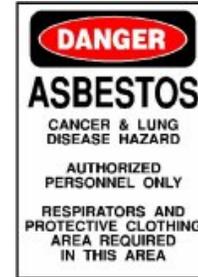
Definition of renovation

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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