



Northland DHB Asbestos Management Policy

Introduction

Northland District Health Board (Northland DHB) is committed to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that asbestos within Northland DHB buildings or sites is identified and any risks arising from asbestos are managed to eliminate or minimise exposure.

Purpose

This policy outlines the processes that are in place to manage asbestos within Northland DHB owned or leased buildings and sites.

Scope

All Northland DHB staff and contractors engaged in maintenance, or building and site refurbishment projects at Northland DHB facilities.

Method

The following processes have been implemented:

- **Asbestos Management Team**

A team has been formed to strengthen and support asbestos management procedures throughout Northland District Health Board facilities:

- District Facilities Manager
- Facilities Management Safety & Risk Advisor
- Whangarei Maintenance Manager
- Maintenance Controllers
- Project Managers, Infrastructure & Commercial Services

Key responsibilities are specified in the Northland DHB Asbestos Management Plan.

- **Northland DHB Asbestos Management Plan**

The asbestos management plan sets out how we will identify, assess and control potential risks caused by the presence of asbestos within our buildings. The primary focus of the plan is to provide general guidance for the management of asbestos with an emphasis on day-to-day management, maintenance activities and refurbishment work.

- **PCBU Asbestos Management Agreement**

The agreement sets out how Northland DHB and contractors will work together to manage health and safety risks associated with asbestos during capital site works or refurbishment projects, as required by the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, s34.

- **Asbestos Register**

The asbestos register is live and will not be printed or distributed to third parties. It can be viewed upon request at the Facilities Management office.

References

- The Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- The Health and Safety at Work (Asbestos) Regulations 2016
- The Approved Code of Practice for the Management and Removal of Asbestos 2016

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