## DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 66**

## **ASBESTOS**

In accordance with the WorkSafe WA Regulation 5.43 (Identification and assessment of asbestos hazards in the workplace), CALM is required to ensure that the presence and location of asbestos at the workplace is identified and that a register is maintained and regularly updated.

To ensure this process is completed all Regional, District and Group managers are required to supply a comprehensive list detailing the locality and condition of all asbestos type products. Buildings to be inspected include office buildings, workshops, storage sheds, recreation facilities and houses. (**Note** GEHA houses will not be included.)

We have advice that any new building or fencing material installed since 1987 does not contain asbestos.

The types of products that fit the above criteria are:

- a) Flat sheet products, used on walls and ceilings.
- b) Corrugated sheets, used on roofs and fences.
- c) Sprayed on insulation material may contain asbestos if the building or structure was erected between 1950 and the 1970's.
- d) Asbestos lagging used to insulate hot water and boiler pipes.
- e) Fibrous cement drainage or water pipes laid before 1987.

To ensure a standard presentation and recording system is initiated the following format is recommended for the recording of the information.

Locality	Type of Structure	Type of Material	Approximate Age of Material	Condition	Inspecting Officer	Action Required	Action to be Performed by

The detail of this survey using the above headings is to be forwarded to Director Corporate Services, Kensington where the master record will be maintained. It is also recommended that this information be maintained in a local register. Should any asbestos be removed, the Director Corporate Services must be advised at the completion of the work. Inspections must be undertaken every 3 years and the database updated accordingly.

Further information regarding the removal of asbestos building products can be obtained by accessing the Worksafe Western Australia web site <a href="https://www.safetyline.wa.gov.au/pagebin/pg000496.htm">www.safetyline.wa.gov.au/pagebin/pg000496.htm</a>

Additional information about this survey or about asbestos products can be obtained by contacting Tom Wood, Risk Management Section, Kensington.

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