

Asbestos – Taking a Sample for Testing

<b>Facility:</b>	<b>Written By:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>	<b>Date Created:</b>	<b>Date of Last Revision</b>

<b>Hazards Present:</b>	<b>PPE or Devices Required:</b>	<b>Additional Training Required:</b>
Inhaling friable asbestos dust	Respirator (if required)	
	Gloves	
	Long sleeve shirt/pants	

**Safe Work Procedure:**

1. Material should be sampled when area is not in use/occupied.
2. Wear a respirator when taking a sample. If respirator is unavailable on site, take a small sample to avoid creating/breathing dust.
3. Use a clean knife to cut out a sample of two square inches, ensure cut penetrates through any paint of protective coating in order to sample all layers of the material.
4. Use a small zip-lock bag to contain the sample.
5. Tightly close the bag and wipe exterior with a damp cloth to remove any material which may have adhered to it during sampling.
6. Label the sample bag identifying the structure, the date, the location, the room and the person who took the sample.
7. Deliver by hand or by courier to a lab for asbestos analysis.

***If an emergency situation occurs while conducting this task, or there is an equipment malfunction, engage the emergency stop and follow the lock out procedure***

**REPORT ANY HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS TO YOUR SUPERVISOR**

<p><b>Guidance Documents/Standards:</b></p> <p>MB Workplace Safety &amp; Health Act &amp; Regulations:  <b><i>Part 6 – Personal Protective Equipment</i></b>  <b><i>Part 15 – Confined Spaces General Requirements</i></b>  <b><i>Part 37 – Asbestos</i></b></p>	<p>This Safe Work Procedure will be reviewed any time the task, equipment or materials change and at a minimum of every three years</p>
	<p>Reviewed By WSH Committee:</p> <p>Date:</p>