



SERVICE NOTICE

ASBESTOS CONTROL PROGRAM GUIDANCE FOR FIRE DAMAGED PROPERTY Emergency Clean-up Procedures

When a fire has caused property damage, quite often, as a result of extinguishing the fire, the property's roof and interior incurs both water and fire damage. Roofing materials often contain asbestos, as well as interior building components such as ceiling / wall plaster and floor tiles. Although these materials were disturbed because of a fire, once they become dry the material can become airborne and pose a significant health risk to the clean-up workers and the public. Further, the building owner is not exempt from the safety requirements set forth in the NYCDEP asbestos regulations, RCNY Title 15 Chapter 1

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/newyorkcity/latest/NYCrules/0-0-0-23190>

Prior to any clean-up activity building owners can assume that the roofing materials and floor tiles contain asbestos or hire a NYCDEP Certified Asbestos Investigator (CAI) to conduct an asbestos survey of the property and the debris, to determine if asbestos containing materials are present. The CAI will determine if asbestos is present and quantify the amount of asbestos containing material. When Asbestos is found to be present the building owner will need to hire a NYS Department of Labor licensed Asbestos Abatement Contractor to perform the clean-up and dispose of the waste properly.

In some cases after the fire has been extinguished and to ensure public safety the building owner may be directed to hire a NYSDOL licensed asbestos air monitoring firm to conduct air testing within the vicinity of the property.

For assistance 24/7 please contact the 311 Call Center and state that this is a potential asbestos exposure or call the Asbestos Control Program directly at 718-595-3682 during business hours.

For Emergency Filing Instructions

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dep/environment/asbestos-abatement-forms.page>

If you have questions about ARTS E-File or need assistance please contact artsfeedback@dep.nyc.gov

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