



Department of  
**Education**

# **Asbestos Policy**

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## 1. Policy statement

The Department of Education is committed to managing asbestos containing materials in such a way as the materials do not, as far as is practical, present health risks to students, staff and visitors at Western Australian public schools and Department controlled workplaces.

## 2. Policy rules

Principals and/or site managers must manage asbestos containing materials in accordance with the [Asbestos Management Plan](#).

## 3. Responsibility for Implementation and Compliance

Principals and/or site managers are responsible for implementation of the policy.

Director, Asset Planning and Services is responsible for compliance monitoring.

## 4. Scope

The policy applies to all principals and site managers.

## 5. Definitions

### **Asbestos**

Any fibrous form of mineral silicates belonging to the Serpentine and Amphibole groups of rock forming minerals. These include Actinolite, Amosite (brown asbestos), Anthophyllite, Chrysotile (white asbestos), Crocidolite (blue asbestos) and Tremolite, or any mixture of one or more of the mineral silicates belonging to these groups.

### **Asbestos containing material (ACM)**

Any material, object, product or debris containing asbestos.

### **Asbestos management plan**

The Department of Education publication that describes how asbestos containing materials in public schools and Department workplaces are managed.

## 6. Related documents

### Relevant legislation or authority

[Code of Practice for How to Manage and Control of Asbestos in the Workplace](#)

[Code of Practice: How to safely remove asbestos](#)

[Guidelines for the Assessment, Remediation and Management of Asbestos-Contaminated Sites in Western Australia.](#)

[Work Health and Safety Act 2020](#)

[Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022](#)

### Related Department documents

[Incident Management on Department of Education Sites Policy](#)

[Work Health and Safety](#)

### Other documents

[Asbestos Management Plan](#)

## 7. Contact information

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## 8. History of changes

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## 9. More information

### Supporting content

#### Guideline

[Asbestos Management Plan](#)

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