



ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY

ASBESTOS INFO

CONTRACTORS, CONSULTANTS, & BUILDING OWNERS

THE RISK

Asbestos may be found in insulation, flooring, ceiling sections, shingles, or siding. Health studies have linked asbestos fibers to serious health problems. The mere presence of asbestos in a building is not an immediate risk to people and the environment; however, danger exists when asbestos material is damaged or improperly removed and releases fibers into the air.



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Several steps should be taken before beginning a renovation or demolition project.

STEPS	DETAILS
SURVEY	Before you repair, remodel, renovate, or demolish, survey your structure using an Arkansas certified asbestos inspector to check for the presence and condition of asbestos.
NOTIFY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Air Quality, Asbestos Program, prior to any repair, remodeling, renovation, or demolition involving regulated asbestos containing material greater than 160 square/260 linear feet. • Prior to burning buildings for fire department training, a city official must contact DEQ's Asbestos and Air Compliance sections.
HIRE	Hire professional companies and crews with training and credentials in asbestos inspection, removal, and disposal.

REMOVING ASBESTOS

Special training is required for individuals who disturb asbestos materials during repair, remodeling, renovation, or demolition projects. DEQ maintains a list of certified individuals, licensed asbestos firms, and licensed asbestos trainers. DEQ offers you the necessary information to protect people and the environment as you plan your project. **Call 501.682.0718 for details about safe asbestos removal and disposal.** Other state and federal agencies may also have laws and regulations regarding asbestos handling and removal.

DEQ'S MISSION

To protect, enhance, and restore the natural environment for the well-being of all Arkansans.

TRANSFORMATION & EFFICIENCIES ACT OF 2019

Established in 2019 as part of the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019 (Act 910), the new umbrella agency called the E&E absorbed the former Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, which is now named the DEQ and retains its function as Arkansas's regulatory body in the area of environmental protection.

CONTACT US ON WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Contact DEQ at **501.682.0718** as soon as a demolition or remodeling project is planned.
- Visit www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/program/asbestos for information on Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Regulation 21.

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