



FIT 3 Asbestos Questionnaire

RAISING AWARENESS WITHIN THE MAINTENANCE SECTOR

Asbestos-related disease accounts for over **3,500 deaths** each year, creating what is the UK's biggest single cause of work-related deaths. Although the use of asbestos has been banned, much of the material still exists, particularly in buildings. This legacy retains the potential to kill those who are unknowingly exposed to the fibres in their day-to-day work, or those who choose to ignore the controls that provide effective protection during work with asbestos.

Of the approximately 3,500 people currently dying each year from such diseases, 25% have once worked in the building and maintenance trades, and often would have worked unknowingly on or near to asbestos containing materials (ACMs). Whilst virtually all other activities involving potential exposure to asbestos have now ceased, our evidence suggests that this vulnerable group is still at considerable risk from unknowing exposure to asbestos.

The maintenance sector now constitutes the biggest group potentially at risk from exposure to asbestos. These include: heating and ventilating engineers, roofing contractors, fire and burglar alarm installers, general maintenance workers, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, joiners, plasterers, painters and decorators, gas fitters, demolition workers, telephone engineers, computer installation engineers, site managers, surveyors, janitors and those others who disturb the fabric of buildings in their day-to-day work.

The Occupational Safety and Health Team of Warwick District Council aims to raise the awareness of the risks associated with asbestos within the vulnerable groups who may encounter asbestos during their work activity, and to remind duty holders of their legal duties under the 'duty to manage' regulation of the *Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006*. Don't forget that all those who have responsibility for the maintenance and/or repair of non-domestic premises have duties under this regulation.

We would be grateful if you would complete the attached questionnaire. If you require any advice or information to complete it, please contact the Occupational Safety & Health Team on: **01926 456713**

Thank you for your assistance.

Questionnaire

Name of Proprietor

Name/Address of Business

No of Employees

Full-time _____

Part-time _____

Total _____

Q1 What maintenance sector group are you part of?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heating and ventilating engineers | <input type="checkbox"/> Electricians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roofing contractors | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire & Burglar alarm installers | <input type="checkbox"/> Carpenters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joiners | <input type="checkbox"/> Plasterers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Painters and Decorators | <input type="checkbox"/> Gas fitters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Demolition Workers | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone engineers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Builders | <input type="checkbox"/> Builder Merchants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer installation engineers | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

Q2a Who is responsible for maintaining and repairing the premises which you occupy?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____

Q2b Is the above:

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupier | <input type="checkbox"/> Head Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord | <input type="checkbox"/> Tenant | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | | |

Q3 Have staff received any asbestos awareness training?

- Yes No To be provided (provide details)

If **yes**, who was the training provider?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Date training received: _____

If **no**, state your reason: _____

Q4 Does your company have a risk assessment in place for dealing with asbestos?

- Yes No

Q5 Prior to any work activities being undertaken (eg, drilling holes in walls for cables etc), what steps do you take to ensure the area you are working on is free from asbestos?

- Asbestos Register checked
- Ask if asbestos present
- Risk Assessment undertaken
- Gain permit to work
- Sample of any suspect material analysed prior to work
- Other

Please provide details:

Q6 Are employees provided with any Personal Protective Equipment or Respiratory Protective Equipment to reduce exposure to asbestos?

- Yes (Please provide brief details)
- No

Q7 Are you aware of the actions to take if you encounter asbestos during your work activities?

- Yes (Please provide brief details)
- No (State reason)

Q8 Have any employees knowingly had exposure to asbestos during undertaking normal working activities in the past?

- Yes (Please provide brief details)
- No
- Don't Know

Q9 How useful did you find the attached Asbestos Information Leaflet?

- Very Useful
- Useful
- Not useful

State reason:

Your comments:

**PERSON COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS BELOW:
(OPTIONAL)**

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Position: _____

Telephone No: _____

Your company Email address: _____

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return it to us in the envelope provided.