



Alert: Asbestos and Demolition

Recently, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has received a number of complaints/tips about building demolition projects in Maine. DEP inspectors found several with asbestos containing material. In these buildings, the asbestos was damaged during demolition, creating high exposure risks for workers and even the public.

Under Maine and federal law, buildings must be inspected for asbestos prior to demolition. If asbestos is found, it must be removed by a Maine-licensed Asbestos Abatement firm. Prior to beginning demolition a Building Demolition Notification Form must be sent to DEP whether asbestos is present or not.

Codes Enforcement Officers can help by getting the facts out to anyone in your town(s) who plans to demolish any building, whether large or small. Please find the link to the Building Demolition Notification Form. It explains the requirements and steps to be taken before demolition in detail.

www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/asbestos/forms/asbbuilddemnotif.dot

Asbestos is known to cause cancer. Please help pass this information on to contractors, homeowners and demolition firms. By completing an asbestos inspection before demolition, we can avoid exposing workers and the public to asbestos and costly professional cleanups.

For more information:

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