## **Asbestos**

Asbestos is the biggest Occupational Health Killer causing 3500 deaths a year.

Safety point	Why?	How do you do this?
Asbestos is a fibrous mineral commonly found in buildings constructed prior to 2000. If you are responsible for maintaining or repairing a building then you also have a duty to manage any asbestos in the building.	When inhaled the fibres can damage the lungs and cause cancer.	We have no Asbestos Containing Material on site.  Yes No  You do not need to complete this section further if you have answered yes above. However, you may wish to complete the survey forms overleaf.
A survey of the building should be undertaken to identify any possible Asbestos Containing Material (ACM).	By noting the location and condition of ACM accidental release of asbestos fibres can be prevented.	We have undertaken a visual (type 1) inspection of our business and noted the location of any possible ACM on the SURVEY form.  Yes No No We have had a: Type 1 (Visual) survey carried out. Type 2 (Assessment and Sampling) survey carried out The report can be found
ACM should be managed and all building and maintenance work planned taking ACM into consideration.	Staff and contractors can easily be exposed to Asbestos fibres during plumbing, electrical or building work.	We have completed the Asbestos Management Plan in this pack  Yes  No  or  We have had a management plan written. It can be found:

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Anyone working on the building should be made aware of the presence of ACM before commencing any works so that they can plan the work appropriately.	Making workers aware of the location and condition of ACM before they start work will reduce the likelihood of ACM being disturbed and fibres released.	All contractors working on the building are required to sign a declaration that they are aware that the building contains ACM and that no work is to be carried out in or near these areas until a detailed risk assessment has been completed.	
Examples of Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) commonly found.			
Sprayed Asbestos and Lagging.	Asbestos Insulating Board.	Asbestos Textiles.	