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Guidance Document

Asbestos Management in School Building & Refurbishment Projects

To all School Management Authorities:

Asbestos is a hazardous material that can have serious long term detrimental effects on the health of persons exposed to its fibres. It is classified as a Class 1 carcinogen.

School Authorities must ensure that only approved asbestos removal contractors are used for the removal and disposal of asbestos material if required from their schools during any building or refurbishment project and under no circumstance should an unapproved contractor be used. A list of competent asbestos contractors and technical advisers can be obtained on the Department's website at www.education.gov.ie (School Planning/Building/Asbestos Management)

The removal and disposal of asbestos materials is the subject of Regulation, primarily the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations, 2006 S.I. no. 504 of 2006 and the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Exposure to Asbestos) (Amendment) Regulation 2010 S.I. no. 589/2010). The supervision and removal of these materials, along with their disposal, are subject to strict procedures and must be undertaken by competent persons only.

The Department, in conjunction with the Office of Public Works, have put guidelines (Code of Practice for Management of Asbestos Materials in Schools) in place for School Management Authorities and their Consultants on how these materials should be dealt with. This information is available on the Department's Web Site at www.education.ie (School Planning/Building/Asbestos Management). Additional

information on the management of asbestos in schools will be published shortly on the Department's website.

Failure to comply with these guidelines can result in criminal prosecution and notification being forwarded to the Health and Safety Authority for further investigation.

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