

ASBESTOS SURVEY
AT

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INTRODUCTION

At the request of Wallasey Cars, Asbestos Analysis Services Ltd were requested to conduct a survey of the premises at 20b Liscard Village, Wallasey.

The purpose of the survey was to evaluate the risk to health with respect to materials containing asbestos to contractors involved in work on the site.

An experienced consultant conducted the survey and all samples taken were analysed in accordance with written laboratory procedures.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All work with asbestos containing materials is controlled under the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations 2002. The object of these regulations, which are made under the Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1974, is to minimise worker's exposure to asbestos fibre within the work place.

Two approved Codes of Practices' and a number of guidance notes have been produced by the Health and Safety Commission and the Health and Safety Executive respectively, designed so that building managers, employers, employees and contractors can achieve compliance with the requirements of the regulation.

The substantial majority of projects which involve work with asbestos spray coating, thermal insulation materials and asbestos insulating boards require the contractor to be licensed under The Asbestos (Licensing) Regulations 1983, as amended by The Asbestos Licensing (Amendment) Regulations 1998.

Unless the work is short-term repair work in premises occupied by the employer or self employed, asbestos removal by an unlicensed contractor is an offence. However, the building owner has ultimate responsibility under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

The principal statutory and regulatory requirements are:

Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974

The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations (CAWR) 1987, as amended by Control of Asbestos at Work (Amendment) Regulations 1992 and the Control of Asbestos at Work (Amendment) Regulations 1998

Approved Code of Practice. 'Work on asbestos insulation and asbestos coating and asbestos insulating board' (revised March 1998)

Approved Code of Practice 'The control of asbestos at work' (second edition)

Asbestos (licensing) Regulations 1983 as amended by Control of Asbestos at Work (Amendment) Regulations 1992 and Control of Asbestos at Work (Amendment) Regulations 1998

The demolition of the building should be carried out in accordance with BS6187 and Health and Safety Documents GS29 (1-4)

SURVEY OBJECTIVES

The objective of the survey was to undertake a walk through survey with selective and restricted sampling to identify those materials suspected of containing asbestos which, when worked upon, are regulated by 'The Control of Asbestos At Work Regulations' (CAWR 1987), as amended by Control of Asbestos at Work (Amendment) Regulations 1992 and 1998.

The object of these regulations, which are made under the Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1974, is to minimise worker's exposure to asbestos fibre within the work place.

The survey did not extend to searching for concealed asbestos in cavity walls, beneath concrete encased structural beams, below floorboards and beneath re-lagged services.

Given the way, in which asbestos was used in the construction of buildings, it may only be detected during the course of subsequent demolition or major refurbishment.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The survey took place on Monday 6.9.04

A full type 2 asbestos survey was carried out at 20b Liscard Village, Wallasey. The building is currently being used as a taxi rank. No asbestos containing materials were detected in the building.