

Ten Steps to Compliance with asbestos abatement requirements of section 20.112 for a pre-1990 house/building demolition

1. A pre-1990 house/building is to be demolished or renovated.

2. The building owner (or owner's representative) or the employer (e.g., builder, demolition contractor) retains a qualified person (usually a consultant) to perform a risk assessment and asbestos survey before conducting work where asbestos may be disturbed.

3. The qualified person inspects the house/building, collects representative bulk samples, and has the samples analyzed by a qualified laboratory.

4. The qualified person prepares a report that identifies all inspection results (including drawings, plans, or specifications), risk assessment, and scope of work for the abatement of the asbestos.

5. The report containing the inspection results is provided to the owner/employer. The inspection results must be available at the worksite whenever workers are on site.

6. The owner or employer retains trained asbestos abatement workers. An NOP with written work procedures is submitted to WorkSafeBC before commencement of asbestos removal work.

7. Safe removal and disposal of identified asbestos occurs.

8. After the asbestos removal the owner or employer receives written confirmation that the asbestos specified for removal on the NOP has been removed. A copy of the inspection results is on site.

9. The owner authorizes demolition of the house/building to proceed. The demolition employer proceeds to demolish house using safe work procedures. Copy of inspection results and post-abatement reports are on site.

10. If any asbestos is found during demolition, all work is to cease until a risk assessment is done and the asbestos is safely contained or removed. In this case, go back to step 7.