

# Council Policy

**Council Policy Name:** Management and Removal of Asbestos

**Responsible Directorate:** Engineering and Works Services

**Version:** Adopted

## 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this Policy is to articulate the City's commitment to the long term removal of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) from buildings on City owned or managed land and the identification, risk assessment, monitoring and management of ACM.

## 2. SCOPE

- 2.1. This Policy is applicable to all buildings on City owned or managed land.

## 3. DEFINITIONS

Term	Meaning
Policy	this City of Busselton Council policy titled "Management and Removal of Asbestos"

## 4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 4.1. This Policy links to the following themes and strategic priorities of the City's Strategic Community Plan 2021:

Strategic Theme	Strategic Priority
Key Theme 2 LIFESTYLE	2.12: Provide well maintained community assets through robust asset management practices.

## 5. POLICY STATEMENT

- 5.1. The City is committed over the long-term to ensuring that all buildings on City owned or managed land are free of ACM.
- 5.2. In the interim, the City is committed to ensuring that ACM in all buildings on City owned or managed land is managed and controlled to protect the health and well-being of employees, contractors, and the community.
- 5.3. It is recognised that ACM in sound condition, left undisturbed and when managed appropriately, presents little risk to the general community.
- 5.4. The City will manage the risks from ACM in the following ways:
- increase awareness of the presence of ACM;
  - prevent airborne asbestos fibre exposure;
  - prevent the spread of asbestos fibres;
  - increase competency and experience in managing ACM;
  - provide adequate control of works likely to disturb ACM.

- 5.5. If the opportunity arises, the removal of ACM (regardless of risk level) should be undertaken in conjunction with major works or alterations.
- 5.6. The removal of ACM should be included in any funding submissions for works on buildings owned or managed by the City. This includes works to be undertaken by the City as well as lessees, licensees, and user groups.

**6. RELATED DOCUMENTATION / LEGISLATION**

- 6.1. *Work Health and Safety Act 2020*
- 6.2. *Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022*
- 6.3. Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces [NOHSC:208 (2005)]

**7. REVIEW DETAILS**

Review Frequency		3 yearly		
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