



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 from buildings on City owned or managed land; and in the interim to the identification, risk assessment, monitoring and management of ACM.

**2. SCOPE**

2.1. This Policy is applicable to the management and removal of ACM by City employees and contractors in all buildings on City-owned or managed land.

**3. DEFINITIONS**

Term	Meaning
ACM	Asbestos Containing Materials; any material, object, product or debris containing asbestos
Policy	this City of Busselton Council policy entitled “Management and Removal of Asbestos”

**4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

4.1. This Policy links to Key Goal Area 1 – Community of the City’s Strategic Community Plan 2017 and specifically Community Objective 1.1: A friendly, safe and inclusive community with a strong community spirit.

**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 accordance with the following objectives:
  - a. increase awareness of the presence of ACM;
  - b. prevention of airborne asbestos fibre exposure;
  - c. prevention of the spread of asbestos fibres;
  - d. increase competency and experience in managing ACM;
  - e. 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. *Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984*
- 6.2. *Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996*
- 6.3. Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces [NOHSC:208 (2005)]

**7. REVIEW DETAILS**

<b>Review Frequency</b>		3 yearly		
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