



Safety when working with asbestos

The Danish Working Environment Authority (WEA)

The WEA is a government authority in Denmark, one of the functions of which is supervision of building and construction sites.

On Danish building sites, the provisions of Danish working environment legislation applies.

The WEA staff include specialists with knowledge of particular industries. Among these are inspectors specialising in the area of building and construction.

If you would like to find out more about the Danish legal provisions relating to building sites, you can find the information at www.at.dk.

Please note that if you telephone the WEA, it will regrettably not be possible for you to speak to anyone who can speak or understand Polish. Therefore, please make your enquiry in English.

Reaction

When visiting your site, WEA inspectors will check whether your work is being performed in accordance with the Danish rules.

If we find anything that does not meet the requirements of the Danish rules, we have the following options:

Guidance: Giving advice and guidance on how your work can be performed in accordance with the Danish rules.

Improvement Notice: Issuing an Improvement Notice requiring the matter to be put right within a specified time limit.

Prohibition Notice: Ordering work to be stopped, in cases where there is an imminent substantial risk to your life and health or that of others.

Report to the Police: Making a report to the Police with a view to prosecution for gross recklessness in the performance of the work.

See also the folders on:

- Roof work
- Ladder work
- Scaffolding work



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Safety when working with asbestos-containing materials

Using or reusing asbestos-containing materials is **prohibited**. Many asbestos-containing materials are still found in buildings. Before starting your work, you must be sure that you will not encounter any asbestos. Read the structural report that describes where the asbestos is found.

You need training if your job includes demolition of interior asbestos-containing materials, e.g. ceiling plates. This also applies to partial demolition in connection with reconstruction work.

You need special training and instruction if you are to work with asbestos-containing materials, e.g. in connection with

- encapsulation and wrapping
- removal of water pipes in soil
- dismantling of slates
- clearing after fire or storm damage
- thoroughcleaning after demolition work
- full containment exterior demolition of buildings
- interior removal of few cement-bound plates.

Asbestos cement sheets must be intact when taken down. If this is not possible, the work must be performed under as dust-free conditions as possible.

NB: Internal demolition work and other work that could result in significant exposure to asbestos must be reported to the Danish Working Environment Authority.

One-piece suit and respiratory protective equipment must be worn during interior demolition.



Demolition work must be performed under as dust-free conditions as possible

