

**Q. Am I required to submit notification of all renovation projects?**

A. Each owner/operator must notify DHEC's Asbestos Section in writing before beginning any renovation activity of a regulated facility/structure only if the scope of work contains asbestos. (see chart below)

Project Type	Minimum Required Notification Period
DEMOLITION	10 Working Days
NESHAP Removal (> or = 160 SF, 260 LF, or 35 CF)	10 Working Days
SMALL Removal (> 25 SF but < 160 SF, 260 LF, or 35 CF)	4 Working Days
MINOR Removal (< or = 25 SF)	2 Working Days
Non-Friable NESHAP-Sized Removal (non-friable > or = 160 SF, 260 LF, or 35 CF)	4 Working Days

**Q. How do I notify DHEC's Asbestos Section?**

A. Get notification forms by calling or writing to:

S.C. DHEC Asbestos Section  
 2600 Bull Street  
 Columbia, SC 29201  
 (803) 898-4289

DHEC's Asbestos Section will mail you the necessary forms and can answer any questions you may have.

The forms and additional information are also available to view and download from the DHEC Asbestos Section's website at:

[www.scdhec.gov/asbestos](http://www.scdhec.gov/asbestos)

*This brochure is a brief overview of South Carolina's asbestos regulations pertaining to demolition and renovation activities. Before owners or operators become involved in demolition and renovation activities, they are encouraged to contact the DHEC-Asbestos Section to make sure they understand the applicable regulations, accreditation and permitting requirements.*



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# Renovation, Demolition & Asbestos

**What Building Owners & Contractors Should Know**



S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control

**Asbestos Section**  
**803-898-4289**

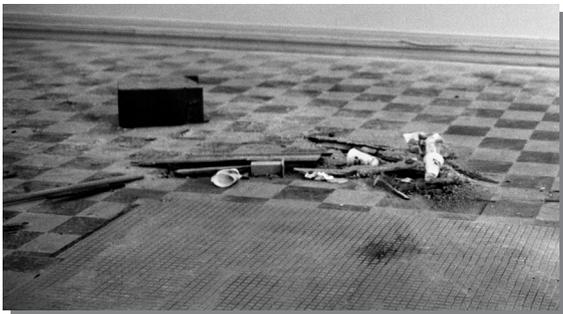
## What is Asbestos?

Asbestos is the common name for a group of naturally occurring minerals made up of long, thin fibers. Asbestos is very strong and resistant to stress or forces that might tear it apart. It's also heat resistant. Asbestos fibers can be toxic to humans if inhaled. Despite this, it can still be found in a number of building products, including:

- Heating system insulation
- Spray-applied insulation
- Vinyl floor tiles
- Vinyl sheet flooring
- Ceiling tiles
- Roofing paper and shingles
- Cement siding shingles
- Plaster and joint compound

*\*\*It is still possible to purchase new products that contain asbestos. \*\**

When materials that contain asbestos are disturbed during renovations or demolitions, people nearby may get the dangerous fibers in their lungs. So before beginning a building project that could disturb asbestos-containing materials, property owners need to know how to spot asbestos and ensure the safety of those working nearby.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. What is demolition?

A. Demolition is the wrecking or removal of a regulated facility/structure's load-bearing structure(s). It also refers to related handling operations, the burning of a regulated facility, or moving of a regulated structure.

### Q. What is renovation?

A. It's altering all or part of a regulated facility/structure in any way (except demolition). Stripping or removing regulated asbestos-containing materials (RACM) from a regulated facility/structure is considered renovation.



### Q. What is a regulated facility?

- A.
- Any institutional, commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building (including condominiums or individual dwelling units operated as a residential cooperative, but excluding residential buildings having four or fewer dwelling units);
  - any bridge;
  - any ship;
  - any active or inactive waste disposal site; and

- any structure, installation or building that was previously subject to this requirement, regardless of its current use or function.

*Note:* Under this definition, any building, structure, or installation that contains a loft used as a dwelling is not considered a residential structure, installation, or building.

### Q. Do asbestos regulations require me to have my property inspected for asbestos?

A. S.C. DHEC Regulation 61-86.1 states that prior to any demolition or renovation at a regulated facility, a thorough inspection must be done to detect any asbestos-containing materials. The inspection must be carried out by a person licensed by DHEC's Asbestos Section as an asbestos building inspector.

If asbestos is found in an area that will be disturbed during renovation or repair work, it must be removed properly and disposed of at an approved landfill. DHEC's Asbestos Section keeps a list of South Carolina landfills that accept asbestos. These actions also must occur prior to any building demolition project. In most cases, asbestos removal and disposal activities must be performed by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor.

### Q. Am I required to submit notification of all *demolition* projects?

A. Each owner/operator must notify DHEC's Asbestos Section in writing before beginning any demolition of a regulated facility/structure regardless of the amount of asbestos present (and even when no asbestos is present).