

TOOLBOX TALK #16

Asbestos

NOTES

- Asbestos fibers may also cause lung cancer.
- It can also cause mesothelioma, a cancer of the inner lining of the chest wall. This cancer is incurable.
- Smokers are at much greater risk to asbestos diseases.

Q. In what ways can asbestos fibers affect you?

Hazardous Work

- Plumbers, carpenters and electricians working on building repair are considered most at risk.
- Old buildings constructed in the 1950s and 60s may have many forms of asbestos materials used in them
- The removal of roofing felts, old floor tiles, textured paints and plasters containing asbestos.
- If you think you have come across asbestos, stop work and tell your supervisors or foreman.

Q. What are some of the hazardous work areas?

NOTE TO SUPERVISOR: Now inform your workforce of the company policy regarding working with asbestos.

Do you have any questions for me?

Questions for you

Q: What would you do if you thought that you had discovered asbestos materials in your work area?

Q: What diseases can exposure to asbestos cause?

Sources: <https://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/training.htm> <https://www.hse.gov.uk/toolbox/harmful/asbestos.htm>

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