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# Asbestos in Schools

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## **Regulations of CT State Agencies, "Asbestos-in-Schools", Sections 19a-333-1 through 13** **General Local Education Agency (School or School District) Responsibilities:**

- An Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) must be developed by a licensed Inspector and Management Planner, submitted to this Department for review, and approved prior to facility use.
- The complete and up-to-date AMP must be on file at each school and in the central administration building -This includes information (I.E., RECORDKEEPING) on:

- *Surveillance of all accessible ACBM (every 6 months), performed by individual with a minimum of 2 hour awareness training*
- *Response actions (logs, laboratory reports, designs, etc.), any repair (operations & maintenance activities, preventive maintenance, small-scale, short duration activities, fiber release episodes, cleaning, removal, reinspections, periodic surveillance, dated copies of the notification to parents and staff of the availability of the AMP, and training of maintenance and custodial personnel*
- *Annual notification to parents and staff of the availability of the AMP*
- *Reinspection required 3 years after implementation; done by a licensed Inspector/Management Planner*
- *Training for custodial and maintenance staff who will be working in a building with asbestos-containing materials*
- *Receive two-hour asbestos awareness training; new employees must be trained within 60 days of employment*
- *Warning labels placed in all routine maintenance areas adjacent to known and assumed ACBM*

The labels must be prominently displayed in readily visible locations, must be in print that is readily visible due to its large size or bright color, and must remain posted until the ACBM that is labeled is removed. The warning label must read:

**CAUTION: ASBESTOS. HAZARDOUS. DO NOT DISTURB  
WITHOUT PROPER TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT.**

The LEA must appoint a person to administer the Asbestos Management Plan to ensure the responsibilities of the school (or school district) are carried out in full accordance with the regulations. Often this person is referred to as the "Designated Person" ("DP"). The DP SHOULD BE QUALIFIED TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE PARENTS AND STAFF PERTAINING TO ASBESTOS ISSUES IN THEIR PARTICULAR SCHOOL BUILDINGS.



- Designated person training must include the following:**
- *health effects of asbestos*
  - *detection, identification, and assessment of ACM*
  - *options for controlling ACBM*
  - *asbestos management programs*
  - *knowledge of relevant federal and state regulations*
  - *inspection and sampling of suspect material*



**ASBESTOS PROGRAM ON THE INTERNET:** [HTTP://WWW: DPH.STATE.CT.STATE.US](http://www.dph.state.ct.us)  
(CLICK ON PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, THEN ON "ASBESTOS PROGRAM")

**AHERA**  
Asbestos  
Hazard  
Emergency  
Response  
Act



In 1986, the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) was signed into law. AHERA requires the inspection of public and private non-profit primary and secondary schools for the presence of asbestos-containing materials. Asbestos management plans (AMPs) must be developed and approved prior to the use or occupancy of a facility as a school building. Schools must maintain copies of the AMP at the school and at their central administration office.

CT Asbestos in Schools regulations are as stringent as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published regulations (40 CFR, Part 763). CT regulations have additional requirements to the AHERA regulations as highlighted below:

Reminder: Prior to any renovation or demolition activity, there must be an asbestos inspection (NESHAP) of the impacted area. This must be performed by a licensed asbestos inspector. If ACBM is found in that area, then it must be removed prior to the renovation or demolition.

- Asbestos abatement **may not** be performed when school is in session without prior written authorization by the Department of Public Health (DPH)
- Three-year reinspection must be conducted within three years, signed by the Inspector and Management Planner on the form prescribed by the State of CT and submitted to DPH (by LEA) within 30 days of reinspection. **A copy must be retained in the AMP.**
- During reinspection, any previously unsampled ACBM identified as newly **friable** ACBM must be sampled. Any previously unidentified material that is nonfriable is not required to be sampled, just added to the management plan. **REPLACEMENT MATERIALS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT UNLESS MSDS MATERIALS ARE MAINTAINED.**
- Warning labels shall be posted in routine custodial areas in a **bilingual form** whenever it is determined that a significant student and/or employee population requires a translated format.

## Local Education Agency Designated Persons

[www.dph.state.ct.us](http://www.dph.state.ct.us)

(click on Programs and Services, Asbestos Program)

<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Asbestos/dpslsty.pdf>

Self-study guide



## Information for Parents, Teachers and Other School Employees

20 Frequently Asked Questions About Asbestos in Schools - September 2003

[PDF version] <http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/ais20quests.pdf>

[HTML version] <http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/aherafaq.html>

ABCs of Asbestos [PDF] - October 2003 <http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/abcsfinal.pdf>

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Healthy Environments in CT Schools  
<http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/EOHA/iaqcm.htm>

CDC, National Center for Environmental Health  
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asbestos\\_in\\_schools.html](http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/asbestos_in_schools.html)

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