

Asbestos

Asbestos remains in huge numbers of domestic, commercial and public buildings, despite its use having been banned in the UK and Europe for several years. In good condition and undisturbed, asbestos poses no risk to health. However, if disturbed, fibres can be released and people's health can be put at risk. Thousands of people still die from asbestos-related cancer each year.

Many organisations therefore need to manage the asbestos in their properties to maintain a healthy workplace and comply with changing legislation. We can reliably deliver the cost-effective service you require to help you.



Our Services

The IOM, from our HQ in Edinburgh and our offices in London, Chesterfield and Stafford, helps many clients manage asbestos. We have almost 50 professional and technical staff involved in asbestos work. Many have over 15 years of experience providing asbestos services and consultancies and a number are known nationally and internationally. We have extensive UKAS Accreditations covering site and laboratory work from all our offices. Our site teams are backed up by our in-house our specialist laboratories at our Edinburgh HQ. Our specialist analytical services are also available as a stand-alone service.

RESEARCH CONSULTING **SERVICES**

Multi-disciplinary specialists in Occupational and Environmental Health and Hygiene

Case study

A principal contractor working in a large retail outlet found sprayed asbestos in ceiling voids that had not been accessed by consultants. The consultants were called in again, took three samples and deemed that two entire floors were contaminated. Costs looked like taking off so IOM was called in. We immediately undertook a detailed inspection of the areas concerned and found that the sprayed asbestos was limited to one part of one floor. Our report was used to provide a full scope of works on which accurate tenders were based. IOM remained on site to undertake the health and safety supervision during the asbestos removal. The end result was the safe removal of the asbestos, a minimum of disruption to the store and a happy client who had saved £100,000 on remedial work alone.

Our Commitment to You

IOM has a unique depth and breadth of experience in asbestos and its management. Over 35 years, we have developed analytical methods, investigated disease mechanisms, quantitatively assessed risks, provided expert witness services, contributed hugely to fibre counting quality assurance through our running of the RICE scheme, surveyed huge numbers of buildings and managed and monitored very many sites where asbestos was being removed. We pride ourselves in providing our clients with efficient, cost effective control measures. Our wealth of knowledge and experience is available to help you manage asbestos and the issues it may raise.

Our Asbestos Services include:

- HSG264 Asbestos: The survey guide compliant surveys (Management and Refurbishment and Demolition)
- Collection of materials for asbestos analysis
- Production and maintenance of asbestos registers and asbestos management databases
- Air monitoring and fibre counting
- Management of asbestos – policies, plans, auditing etc.
- Management of removal works, including method statements and health and safety during removal
- Four stage clearance inspections, testing and certification
- Asbestos analysis in bulk materials
- Scanning electron microscope analysis of trace contamination and airborne samples.
- Quantitative risk calculations following specific incidents (such as uncontrolled removal or disturbance of asbestos)
- Expert witness services

Did you know?

You are only a phone call or a mouse click away from accessing the full range of **IOM Services**. These are underpinned by an unrivalled body of knowledge, and more than three decades of service provision and research. We provide a wide range of health and safety services encompassing many diseases and risk factors. We can help you with large issues and small, and our services include:

- occupational health support
- clinical examinations
- health surveillance
- COSHH assessments and monitoring
- Noise and vibration surveys and assessments
- laboratory analysis
- DSE and Manual handling assessments
- Ventilation testing
- Protective clothing testing
- Immunology testing and allergen monitoring
- Face fit testing for respirators
- Legionella testing,
- Stress management
- control of exposure and personal protection
- health and safety management

Our purpose is to help you keep workers healthy. Our teams of scientists, clinicians, technicians and consultants include a number with international reputations in their fields of expertise. So, whatever your occupational health concerns, we'll give you access to real experts, who will listen, understand, and focus on providing the services and help that you need.

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