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WHA ASBESTOS HEALTH MONITORING

The asbestos framework focuses on airborne fiber management, strict licensing, and respiratory monitoring. Occupational health monitoring serves as a critical safety check for workers exposed to asbestos. Because airborne asbestos fibers are microscopic and invisible to the naked eye, inhalation causes physical damage within the respiratory system over time.

Australia is experiencing the "Third Wave" shift.
Historically, miners and industrial workers made up the primary workforces impacted by asbestos exposure. However, we are now seeing tradespeople, maintenance staff, and DIY home renovators as the most heavily affected groups.

- Roughly 1 in 3 homes across Australia have asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) present in the structure.
- Residential, commercial, or public buildings built or renovated prior to 1990, are highly likelihood it contains asbestos (often in eaves, bathroom walls, vinyl tiles, corrugated roofing, and insulation).
- Before bans were enacted, asbestos was used in more than 3,000 different building and manufacturing products across Australia.



WHERE ARE WE?

With extensive coverage across metro and regional Australia and New Zealand, we provide workforce medical assessments through our network of 75+ WHA clinics, supported by 300+ affiliated partners, or on-site at your location.



LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

What triggers the requirement for an Asbestos Health Monitoring Assessment?

- Class A or Class B licensed asbestos removal work or ongoing asbestos-related work (baseline monitoring). Assessment to be completed prior to starting removal work.
- Doing maintenance, demolition, or trade work (e.g., electricians, plumbers) where there is a risk of exposure.
- Regular ongoing intervals (typically every 2 years) during exposure risk.
- Upon termination or completion of asbestos-related duties.



WHAT DOES HEALTH MONITORING ENTAIL?

SafeWork Asbestos medical examinations focus on the respiratory system and is conducted by a registered medical practitioner.

Assessment Components include:

- Demographic, occupational, and medical history
- Physical examination
- Spirometry (lung function testing) to assess lung capacity and airflow.

Note: Chest X-rays or low-dose CT scans can be required when clinically indicated or recommended by an occupational doctor due to exposure risks.

Contact WHA today to discuss your workplace health monitoring requirements.
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