



NOTICE TO BUILDING PERMIT APPLICANTS

An asbestos survey is required for all renovation, remodeling, repair and demolition of all interior and exterior building materials.

As per NYS Industrial Code Rule 56, asbestos material must be abated by licensed contractors utilizing certified asbestos handlers, with the exception of owner-occupied single family homes, where the owner may remove the asbestos and renovate these structures themselves. However, it is recommended that the owner perform abatement, as the owner could potentially expose themselves, their family and neighbors to asbestos fibers if adequate engineering controls and work methods are not utilized during the abatement.

For further information and updates, please see the NYS website at: www.labor.ny.gov



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RE:
BUILDING DEMOLITION/RENOVATION

Industrial Code Rule 56 established work practice, asbestos contractor license, and asbestos worker training and certification requirements that protect the public from cancer causing airborne asbestos fiber that can arise from various construction activities, including the demolition/renovation of a building. One very important aspect of the Code covers requirements that specifically address the potential public health hazards associated with the significant amount of airborne asbestos fiber that can be released during the demolition/renovation of a building that contains asbestos or asbestos-containing materials.

New York State Labor Law (Article 10, Section 241 section 241.10) and the Code require a survey of the impacted portion of the building to be performed to identify the presence of asbestos prior to advertising for bids or contracting for or commencing work on any demolition/renovation work on a building. **The Code requires that this survey must be sent to the local government unit responsible for issuing the demolition/renovation permit. Note that only copies of the demolition or pre-demolition survey must be sent to the Department of Labor, Asbestos Control Bureau.** Also, prior to commencement of demolition/renovation work, the impacted asbestos identified in the survey must be removed.

Your assistance, as specified below, would facilitate our enforcement efforts and help avoid the necessity of citing building owners who violate the statute and code:

1. Share this information with the individuals on your staff responsible for issuing demolition/renovation permits. Encourage your staff to contact the appropriate District Office of the Asbestos Control Bureau on the enclosed list should any asbestos issues arise, specifically those related to demolition/renovation.
2. Consider establishing a policy of not issuing a demolition/renovation permit until compliance with Industrial Code Rule 56 is achieved.
3. Call the appropriate District Office of the Asbestos Control Bureau when a demolition/renovation permit is issued to a contractor that has failed to provide a survey or has **not removed** the identified asbestos.

Any cooperation you can provide will not only assist in our enforcement efforts but protect the health of your community.