

For newsletter:

Asbestos Management in Schools – reminder to duty holders

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It is important that the information is brought to the attention of governing bodies so that they are aware of this issue.

A link to the full guidance can be found below:

<http://gov.wales/topics/educationandskills/publications/guidance/asbestos-management-in-schools/?lang=en>

For Learning Wales website

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The duty holder is anyone who has an obligation for the maintenance or repair of non-domestic premises. For most schools, the main duty holder will be the employer, with duty holder responsibilities in some schools also being shared with the person responsible for the site.

Duty holder responsibilities

The management of asbestos in schools, including its removal if appropriate, rests with those responsible for the maintenance of schools. In practice a duty holder's responsibilities in a school include:

- Keeping an up-to-date record of the location and condition of asbestos containing materials (ACMs);
- Assessing the risk from any ACMs in the school;

- Having a written asbestos management plan with actions and
- measures necessary to manage the risks from ACMs;
- Putting those plans into action; and
- Making information available to workers who may disturb asbestos
- (e.g. contractors or maintenance workers).

Read the guidance (external link) available on the Welsh Government website
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