



SHROPSHIRE

Fire and Rescue Service

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**BRIGADE ORDER
ADMINISTRATION
NO. 12**

PART 3

**ASBESTOS IN FIRE
SERVICE
BUILDINGS**

PART 3 – ASBESTOS IN FIRE SERVICE BUILDINGS

PURPOSE

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service owns a number of buildings constructed from materials containing asbestos. This Brigade Order sets out the Brigades Policy on the identification and management of asbestos in its buildings.

This Brigade Order is based on HSE Guidance 'Managing Asbestos in Workplace Buildings'.

STRATEGIC AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

By ensuring that any potential hazard from asbestos is minimised, this Brigade Order helps to achieve Strategic Aim 3 "Secure the Highest Level of Safety and Welfare for all Staff by Providing Effective Supervision, Training, Equipment and Systems of Work".

ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND REVIEW

The **Performance and Risk Manager** is responsible for ensuring this Order is implemented across the Brigade.

The **Resources Manager** and **Officers in Charge** will be responsible for the day to day operation of the Order.

The **Performance and Risk Manager** and the **Resources Management Group** will review this Order biennially in *June* and as and when organisational changes take place.

IDENTIFICATION

In order to establish an effective management regime the Brigade must identify where asbestos has been used in its buildings. The Resources Manager will arrange for all buildings to be surveyed by appropriately qualified surveyors and the following information recorded. Surveys will be based on a visual inspection supported by sampling of suspect materials.

- Location
- Form (lagging, ceiling tiles, partitions etc.)
- Condition
- Type
- A hazard assessment (based on condition, vulnerability and quantity)

Sites will be resurveyed at intervals of 1-3 years based on the hazard assessment.

MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION

Asbestos survey reports will be collated as a centrally held Asbestos Register. This information will be made available to site personnel and contractors as required or requested.

A summary of asbestos locations and types will be held on site in the 'Contractors Site Information File'. (Brigade Order Administration No. 12 Part 2 Contractors Site Information).

The Resources Manager will assess the need for additional or repeat surveys.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Removal of asbestos is a hazardous operation. The Brigade's policy is to maintain asbestos in its buildings in a safe condition, carrying out removal only where this necessary.

Asbestos identified as a high risk by the hazard assessment will be identified for removal and this work included in the sites Major Maintenance Plan. Prior to removal all asbestos will be made safe.

Where asbestos is not identified as a high risk it will be managed on site using the following controls.

- The site will be provided with details of asbestos locations.
- Asbestos will be sealed and/or protected as required.
- Where practical, asbestos products on site will be identified with standard asbestos warning labels.

MONITORING

An examination of the condition of asbestos products, protection and sealing will be included in Brigade Order Health and Safety No. 3 Part 3 Inspection Procedures.

All deterioration is to be noted and reported to Shropshire County Council as a building defect, in accordance with Brigade Order Administration No. 12 Part 1 Property Maintenance Management. Shropshire County Council will determine whether to repair or remove the product.

All work to asbestos based products will be carried out by HSE licensed contractors.