

## Asbestos - Your Duty to Manage

Are you a non-domestic property owner, property managing agent, tenant, employer or self employed?

The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 came into force on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006 and impose a duty to manage the risks posed by asbestos. That duty holder could be you if you are ANY of the following:

- A property owner, even if you do not occupy the premises;
- A non-domestic tenant;
- Responsible for redevelopment, maintenance or repair of a property; or
- In control of premises, even WITHOUT a contract or tenancy.

If any of the above points apply to you and you have yet to assess your asbestos liabilities, you are not complying with the law and could face prosecution by the Health & Safety Executive.

## Managing the Risk

There are a few basic steps required to achieve compliance with the Regulations:

- Write & implement a management plan to assess asbestos risks;
- Identify any potential asbestos-containing materials;
- Record these findings and make them available where necessary;
- Assess the risks of any identified or presumed asbestos-containing materials; and
- Plan and implement a programme of abatement & regular re-inspections.

Under the Regulations you have to ensure that the people assessing the risks from asbestos are competent. Where you do not have this capability within your organisation, you can appoint a consultant to carry out the assessment, however, you have to be sure of their competence.

The management of health risks posed by asbestos is governed by various legislation including:

- The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006;
- The Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2007,
- The Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974



## Why Choose REC?

REC staff are aware of the varied needs of organisations and can undertake a tailored programme to assess and manage the asbestos risks in your premises, including:

- Asbestos surveys
- Risk assessments
- Priority assessments
- Project management
- Abatement cost estimates
- Re-inspection surveys

All of these services are undertaken by suitably qualified staff and, in addition to these services, REC holds a supervisory license issued by the HSE, which allows us to actively and independently manage asbestos abatement projects, removing the worry of achieving and maintaining regulatory compliance from our clients.

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