

**Attention! Attention! Attention! Attention! Attention!**

**Property Owners, Property Managers, General Contractors, Demolition Contractors and A & E Consultants**

If you are renovating or demolishing a commercial, industrial or government owned building, or residential structures with more than four units the Federal EPA regulations concerning asbestos apply to your project. These are the asbestos rules in the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), 40 CFR 61, Subpart M. Your obligations to comply with these regulations are not satisfied by meeting the requirements of the local building official to obtain a building or demolition permit.

Asbestos regulations require:

- Thoroughly inspect the building for the presence and types of asbestos containing materials before commencing renovation or demolition work. In Florida a Florida Licensed Asbestos Consultant must conduct the inspection. This is not a Phase I Environmental Assessment.
- Provide written notice of any demolition, even if there is no asbestos in the structure, to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection at least 10 working days before beginning demolition.
- Remove regulated asbestos containing materials before commencing work that could disturb the asbestos containing material. A Florida Licensed Asbestos Contractor must do this work.
- Provide written notice of asbestos removal projects to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection at least 10 working days before beginning asbestos removal.

**Who is responsible for compliance?**

These regulations apply to the owner or operator of a demolition or renovation activity. This includes the property owner, property manager, consultant, general contractor or prime contractor or sub-contractor. Do not assume that one of the other parties has completed these requirements. Ask to see a copy of the asbestos survey and submitted notification form.

**What are the costs on Non-compliance?**

Each of the parties found to be responsible for non-compliance is subject to penalties as high as \$10,000 per day per violation.

Disturbing asbestos containing materials without using the required removal and disposal methods may necessitate expensive cleanup.

The project may be delayed until the asbestos survey, notification and asbestos removal are completed.

**Be Aware!**

Completion of your city or county building permit application does not satisfy the NESHAP notification requirements. You must complete and submit the FDEP Notice of Asbestos Renovation or Demolition. A copy of this form with instructions is included.

If your project is in Leon, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Wakulla or Liberty Counties mail the form to 2815 Remington Green Circle, Suite A, Tallahassee, FL 32308. If you have any questions about asbestos regulations, surveys, asbestos removal or the notification form, the local asbestos NESHAP contact for this area is Tracy White at 850 488-3704.