

CUSTOMER WORKING WITH ASBESTOS POLICY

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Owners and occupiers of premises, who have maintenance and repair responsibilities for the premises, have a duty to assess them for the presence of asbestos and the condition of that asbestos. (Regulation 4 - Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012)

General precautions taken by Alpha Cladding will include:

- Removing materials containing asbestos before any other major works begins;
- Keeping the level of fibres released into the air to a minimum;
- Keeping the work area clean and tidy by clearing up at regular intervals using methods which do not spread asbestos dust;
- Where possible, removing the sheets whole, trying to avoid breakages;
- Materials will be carried or lowered to ground level in a controlled manner 'no bombing';
- If practicable, keeping the material wet when working with it;
- Removing fixings by undoing or cropping;
- Any dust or debris created will be kept wet whilst shovelling into strong polythene bags, bags will then be sealed, identified as asbestos waste and placed into an enclosed skip;
- All asbestos waste will be 'placed' into enclosed skips so as not to create dust clouds.

Risk Assessments will only be carried out by Alpha Cladding personnel who:

- Have adequate knowledge, training and expertise in understanding the risks from asbestos;
- Are familiar with and understand the requirements of the appropriate ACOPs;
- Have the ability and the authority to collate all the necessary, relevant information;
- Have the knowledge, skills and experience to make informed decisions about the risks and precautions that are needed; and
- Be able to assess other risks on site.

Alpha Cladding will submit for approval a Safe Working Method Statement, with particular details of:

- The methods to be applied where the work involves the handling of materials containing asbestos;
- Type of equipment to be used for the protection of Alpha Cladding operatives carrying out the work;
- Arrangements for disposing of asbestos waste;
- The decontamination Alpha Cladding operatives carrying out the work; and
- The protection of customer employees and site visitors, at or near the worksite.