

**Notes from: Manawatu Health and Safety Forum presentation on Asbestos Awareness**

<b>Venue:</b>	UCOL
<b>Date:</b>	10/02/17
<b>Time:</b>	4.00pm – 6.00pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Tony Greeve
<b>Host:</b>	UCOL

**Attendees:**

	Name:		Company:	Name:		Company
1	Yves	Beneteau	Fonterra	Ivan	McQuillan	Ivan McQuillan Ltd
2	Brian	Cook	BR Cook Ltd	Sarah	Downes	Jungle Tamers
3	Brent	Howell	Brent Howell Plumbing	Rachel	Downes	Jungle Tamers
4	Canan	Barkley	Colspec	John	Jones	Manawatu District Council
5	Mark	Brownie	Colspec Construction	Yvonne	Watson	NZ Post
6	Guido	Beyersbergen	Colspec Construction	Annette	Newbery	OSSL
7	Sarah	Brandon	Colspec Construction	Phil	Fitzsimons	P J 's Roofing
8	Wayne	Hickford	Colspec Construction	Darran	Savill	Savill Construction
9	Steve	Hirst	Colspec Construction	Daniel	McColl	Savill Construction
10	Daniel	Paddock	Colspec Construction	Murray	Reid	Savill Construction
11	Dan	Moore	Colspec Construction	Paul	Iverson	Smith & Sons
12	Pat	Fleming	Colspec construction	Stuart	Parkes	Stuart Parkes Electrical
13	Sharon	Dahlkamp	DML Painters	David	Freebairn	UCOL
14	Ingrid	Lambie	DML, McIntosh	Vanessa	McAdam	Worksafe NZ
15	Evan	Lloyd	Horizons RC	Sam	Koronui	Worksafe NZ
16	Tony	Greeve	Site Safe NZ	Debbie	Perrins	Worksafe NZ
17				Anthony	Jahnke	Worksafe NZ

**Apologies:**

	Name:		Company:	Name:		Company:
1	Phil Round		Avenue Construction	Allyson Harwood		Midway Occupational Health Services

The forum was attended by 33 representatives of industry from the wider Manawatu Region.

**Welcome:**

David Freebairn welcomed everyone to the forum and opened with an emergency and safety brief for the session.

Tony then introduced Debra Perrins from Worksafe who spoke on the Health implications of exposure to asbestos and showed a couple of video clips of case studies of people who had become ill from that contact. Links for those two videos are as follows;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jifoNSXvTuQ>

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/videos/cmorganlong.htm>

You will see if you do choose to look at either of those video links, there are several similar clips showing the dangers of using Asbestos.

There was some discussion about what level of exposure, how big a dose, would be dangerous and it was pointed out that it can be a very low level of exposure that can trigger a reaction to asbestos that may lead to a debilitating illness or fatality.

Anthony Jahnke continued the discussion and went through the various items that were provided as a hand out, effectively this is information that is available from the Worksafe website.

Anthony reiterated that for removal of asbestos over 10sq a Certificate of Competence (COC) is required. While no COC is required for lesser amounts, anyone undertaking the removal of asbestos must be trained and deemed competent at that work. This would then still be in accordance with the Approved Code of Practice which can be located at the following link:

<http://construction.worksafe.govt.nz/guides/acop-management-and-removal-of-asbestos/>

**Disposal of small quantities of ACM.** There was some discussion about the process for disposal of smaller amounts of ACM, either for licence holders or for people who might remove up to 10 sqm. Previously Ian Butcher from Central Demolition/MDC had indicated that he would be prepared to facilitate the disposal through his yard in Fielding.

DML Painters also have a process for the collection of smaller amounts of Asbestos, this can be coordinated through:

Sharon Dahlkamp, Business Manager O6 358 140, ring the office and you will be given advice on what to do to bring it in. 656 Tremaine Ave, PN.

**It would be expected that any ACM brought to either of these outlets yard would be correctly packaged in accordance with the regulations.**

Concern was raised by DML regarding the lack of information for anyone who might be concerned about the presence of Asbestos and having a safe method for collection of samples for testing. Currently there is no guidance and they are finding people such as home owners are bringing in samples to ask if it might be Asbestos. This clearly puts the homeowners at risk as they have no information as to how this sampling can be done safely. Anthony undertook to seek guidance as to when this sort of information might be made available.

The questions noted on the agenda are listed below. Generally, most questions can be answered from the Worksafe website, however I have scanned the various information sheets Anthony provided at the forum and can arrange to forward them to anyone who would like a copy. Ideally, I would attach them but the file is quite large and would possibly be rejected by a number of mail servers.

I have had them loaded on the Site Safe website as well so they are available at the following link:

#### As a worker or company working with Asbestos

1. How do I identify it?
2. Do I have to have it tested before they can start?
3. Do I need to tell anyone?
4. What are the disposal requirements, wrapping etc?
5. Where does it go to, who gets rid of it.?
6. It's just dust from drilling holes, what do I have to do with that?
7. I'm going to paint over it, what can I do to prepare the surface?
8. How much of this can I do without getting a COC?

#### As a building owner?

1. What do I have to do regarding Asbestos in my properties - Surveys
2. When do I need to have this done by,?
3. What do I need to pass onto contractors who are doing work for them?

#### What is the real deal regarding the Health Implications?

1. What are the health risks from asbestos?

2. What diseases are caused by asbestos?
3. Why is asbestos a health risk?
4. Who is at risk from asbestos?
5. How much is too much?

If you have any questions or would like someone to follow-up with you, please feel free to contact one of the following people:

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**The meeting closed at 5.15 pm.**

<b>Next Meeting:</b>	10 May 2017	<b>Venue:</b>	7 El Prado Drive, Milson, Palmerston North
<b>Subject:</b>	Update on various aspects of working at height.	<b>Time:</b>	4.00pm
<b>Chair:</b>	Tony Greeve	<b>Host:</b>	Safety n Action