WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I FIND ASBESTOS ON SITE?

Have you found something you think could be asbestos?

YES

DON'T PANIC

Warn people in the vicinity of the work area there could be asbestos present.

Asbestos material is only dangerous if disturbed. If managed safely it does not present a health hazard.

Does the material look loose and fibrous?

YES

DAMPEN EXPOSED MATERIAL/GROUND

Contact Geotechnics’ office and the Client/Engineer for further instructions.

THIS MATERIAL MUST ONLY BE SAMPLED BY A LICENSED SPECIALIST.

NO

WHILE WAITING FOR INSTRUCTIONS

Record the plan location, depth and condition of the material in situ.

Photograph it.

SAMPLES REQUIRED

- Wear PPE, gloves and a dust mask
- Wet the material before sampling
- Do not break up the material specifically to sample it.
- Place the sample in a jar and tape it up, or in two bulk bags tied individually.
- Mark with “Possibly contains asbestos” labels
- Keep sample separate from other geotechnical samples
- Backfill hole on completion of sampling. Complete safely with regard to people on and off site to minimise the potential of fibre release.

YES

DAMPEN EXPOSED MATERIAL/GROUND

Contact Geotechnics’ office and the Client/Engineer for further instructions if significant amounts of material are found.

NO SAMPLES REQUIRED

Backfill hole. Complete safely with regard to people on and off site to minimise the potential of fibre release.

Move to new location

Confirm verbal instructions from Client/Engineer in writing.

Know the Risks