Is your required ASBESTOS REGISTER On-Site?

You could be risking a \$27,500 fine

Asbestos Laws apply NOW...Do you comply?

Building owners and managers are now required to identify all Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) within their buildings and include it on the onsite register – are all of your buildings compliant?

The National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (NOHSC) Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces states that 'Persons with control of premises must ensure all ACM in their workplaces are identified, as far as practicable'.

The Body Corporate and their Managers are caught under the definition of a 'person with control' of the workplace and therefore need to ensue obligations are met.

Is the common property of your building classified as a workplace?

As a workplace is defined under the Act as "any place where a person works", the common property of residential buildings is generally classified as a workplace for volunteers, contractors and people working from home are constantly "working" on-site.

Which buildings do the asbestos laws apply to?

The code of practice states that buildings approved for construction prior to 1990 are more likely to have asbestos present, however it is widely recommended that buildings built prior to 1992 have an inspection and register on-site to incorporate the sales of second hand asbestos materials in this time period.

What are the penalties if I do not comply with these regulations?

Under the NOHSC Code the maximum penalty for non-compliance is level 4 or a \$27,500 fine.

Do the internal areas of residential units have to be inspected for Asbestos?

No, there is an exemption that excludes the internal areas of residential units only.

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