

Asbestos Management

As a result of the federal law AHERA (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), all primary and secondary schools are required to develop and implement a plan for managing all building materials which contain asbestos.

Asbestos has been used in many building materials due to its outstanding, insulating and strengthening properties. When it is undisturbed or intact, it poses little hazard to human health. It is only when damage has or may occur that the quality of the school's management program becomes an issue.

In 1988, all buildings owned, leased, or "under the control of" the School District were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors, with building material samples analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the School District prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for administering the asbestos located within its buildings, safely and responsibly.

Once every three years, certified inspectors must re-inspect remaining materials. In addition, the rule requires a periodic walk-through (called "surveillance") in each area containing asbestos every six months.

Short-term workers (outside contractors e.g. telephone repair workers, electricians, etc.) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come in contact.

During the 2018-2019 school year, the Manitowoc Public School District conducted planned asbestos removal in response to building renovations at Monroe Elementary School. We have completed the required 3-year reinspection of all district buildings.

In addition, we continue to ensure our asbestos building materials are kept in good condition by continuing our Operations and Maintenance (O&M) program throughout the buildings. Manitowoc Public School District continues a working relationship with Environmental Management and Consulting (Lake Mills, WI) to assist us in managing our asbestos materials.

The School District has a list of the locations and types of asbestos containing materials found in the building and a description and timetable for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available at the School District office at a cost of twenty-five (25) cents per page. Our goal is to be in full compliance with AHERA. It is our policy to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our students and our staff members. This shall be accomplished by strict enforcement of the policies regarding asbestos by the asbestos manager and the school officials. All questions or concerns regarding the management of asbestos within the School District should be directed to LEA Designated Person for the Manitowoc Public School District at (920) 686-4782.