

# Asbestos...the hidden killer

Asbestos is the single greatest cause of work-related deaths in the UK, accounting for around 4,000 deaths every year. More people die as a result of exposure to asbestos than in road accidents.

The HSE's Hidden Killer campaign will start on the 2nd November 2009, running for 4 weeks. The aim is to help tradesmen and maintenance workers know when they might be working with asbestos and what they can do to protect themselves. A range of informative signs and labels are available to help minimise risk of exposure.

Any building built before 2000 (houses, factories, offices, schools, hospitals etc) can contain asbestos. Asbestos materials in good condition are safe unless asbestos fibres become airborne, which happens when materials are damaged. Any discovered asbestos should be **clearly signed**.

There are four main diseases associated with inhalation of asbestos fibres. These are asbestosis (a scarring of the lung tissue caused by asbestos), two kinds of cancer (mesothelioma and asbestos related lung cancer), and diffuse pleural thickening (a non-malignant disease affecting the lung lining). Symptoms of exposure will go unnoticed for at least 15 years (the hidden killer).

## Who is at risk to asbestos exposure?

If you work in any of the following occupations, and are working on a building built or refurbished before 2000, you may come in to contact with asbestos:

- Heating and ventilation engineers
- Demolition workers
- Carpenters and joiners
- Plumbers
- Roofing contractors
- Painters and decorators
- Plasterers
- Construction workers
- Fire and burglar alarm installers
- Shop fitters
- Gas fitters
- Computer installers
- General maintenance staff eg caretakers
- Telecommunications engineers
- Building surveyors
- Cable layers and electricians

To find out more information about asbestos please visit:  
[www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos](http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos)

## Asbestos Safety Signs



1 4409 G M P  
2 4409 G M



1 4260 G M  
2 4260 G M



1 4259 G M P  
2 4259 G M  
6 4259 G M P



1 4449 G M  
2 4449 G M  
6 4449 G M



1 6271 G M P  
2 6271 G M  
6 6271 G M



1 6272 G M P  
2 6272 G M  
6 6272 G M



1 6274 K  
2 6274 K



1 6270 K Q  
2 6270 K Q  
6 6270 K Q



1 6273 K  
2 6273 K



1 4532 K Q  
2 4532 K Q

**NEW**

## Asbestos Safety Labels



5 9765



5 9832

27x50mm  
Self Adhesive  
labels on  
rolls of 100

## New Signs



1 4530 **GM**  
2 4530 **GM**



1 4531 **GM**  
2 4531 **GM**

## Aluminium Roll Top Signs

Manufactured from aluminium, highly durable roll top construction signs are designed to neatly hook over scaffolding and railings. For bespoke roll top signs please call our office and quote 56417 for assistance. Size: 400x600mm



## Site Safety Signs



1 6447 **W** 900x600mm 1mm PVC



1 6414 **W** 900x600mm 1mm PVC

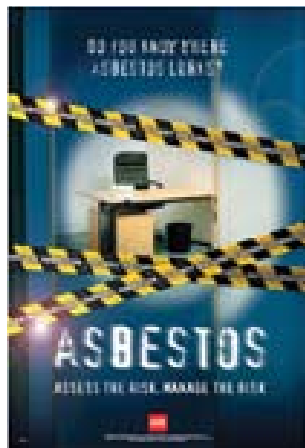


1 6420 **W** 900x600mm 1mm PVC

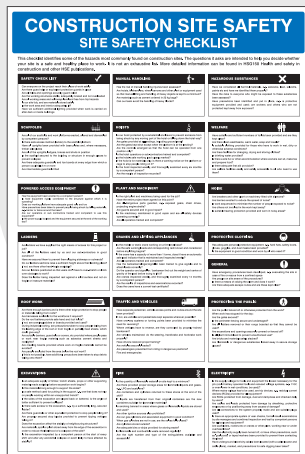


1 6413 **W** 900x600mm 1mm PVC

## Posters



5 8997 510x760mm  
Full colour paper



5 8126 600x900mm  
1mm Rigid Plastic

## Tags

80x150mm double sided safety tag printed on matt pvc. Supplied in packs of ten, tags come complete with nylon fixing strips.



5 5059

## Training Booklet

An informative range of booklets to provide key safety messages for your employees. Ideal for induction and training programmes. 140x205mm 16 pages



- 5 6070 About Asbestos at Work
- 5 6069 Fire Safety
- 5 6068 First Aid Procedures
- 5 6067 Preventing Slips, Trips & Falls
- 5 6066 COSHH Regulations
- 5 6065 PPE at Work
- 5 6064 Risk Assessment
- 5 6063 Manual Handling
- 5 6062 How to Avoid Back Problems
- 5 6061 Noise at Work
- 5 6060 The Health & Safety at Work Act

## HOW TO ORDER

### Choose Your Sign



### Choose Material Codes

- 1 Rigid Plastic
  - 2 Self Adhesive Vinyl
  - 3 Photoluminescent Rigid Plastic
  - 4 Photoluminescent Self Adhesive
  - \* 5 Miscellaneous Products
  - 6 Aluminium
  - 7 Polycarbonate
- \* No size code is required when ordering miscellaneous products

### Choose Size Codes

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>A</b> 75 x 100 mm  | <b>J</b> 400 x 200 mm | <b>S</b> 75 x 200 mm  |
| <b>B</b> 80 x 80 mm   | <b>K</b> 300 x 400 mm | <b>T</b> 210 x 210 mm |
| <b>C</b> 150 x 150 mm | <b>L</b> 450 x 150 mm | <b>U</b> 100 x 100 mm |
| <b>D</b> 150 x 100 mm | <b>M</b> 600 x 200 mm | <b>V</b> 300 x 150 mm |
| <b>E</b> 150 x 200 mm | <b>N</b> 400 x 400 mm | <b>W</b> 600 x 900 mm |
| <b>F</b> 200 x 200 mm | <b>P</b> 600 x 400 mm | <b>X</b> 200 x 100 mm |
| <b>G</b> 300 x 100 mm | <b>Q</b> 600 x 450 mm |                       |
| <b>H</b> 250 x 300 mm | <b>R</b> 178 x 203 mm |                       |