



# Asbestos Management and Consultancy Services

ECS Limited, part of the Environmental Scientifics Group is the trusted partner for the ongoing management of asbestos in the built environment with over 100 qualified asbestos specialists. Asbestos was traditionally used in buildings for its thermal and electrical insulation properties as well as its high tensile strength, however despite its use being banned in the United Kingdom there are still an estimated 1.5 million buildings that contain asbestos.

Contact with asbestos and its removal is heavily regulated and specifically related legislation includes the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006. Under Regulation 4 the 'Duty to Manage' there is a responsibility on building owners, landlords and agents to manage the risk from asbestos containing material in their premises.

## Services include:

- Asbestos surveys, sampling and assessment
- Ongoing statutory re-inspections to ensure compliance with ACoP L127
- Sampling and material identification in UKAS accredited laboratories
- Air monitoring and 4-stage clearance
- Project management of remedial work including tender specifications and site supervision
- Compliance audit to review existing policies and procedures
- Development of policies and management plans
- Electronic Asbestos Management System
- Enforcement liaison
- Training on asbestos awareness

ECS's team of qualified surveyors, analysts and project managers are highly experienced in the management of asbestos with impartial advice and solutions, offering a flexible approach with individually designed solutions to suit client requirements.





Our team of experienced, independent experts provide local personnel and national coverage supported by our own UKAS accredited in-house laboratories.

This ensures the utmost integrity in the quality of your results. Additionally, our comprehensive range of asbestos services support clients in compliance with asbestos management.

## Legislation – the Duty to Manage

Regulation 4 of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006 places responsibilities on the duty holder to manage asbestos in non-domestic premises.

The duty holder has a responsibility to:

- Identify asbestos containing materials (ACMs) present
- Assess the risk posed by ACMs
- Prepare a detailed written plan on how to manage the risk
- Implement the plan
- Review and monitor
- Inform those who need to know of the location and condition of ACMs

ECS's asbestos consultants provide a comprehensive range of management and consultancy services to ensure compliance with the 'Duty to Manage'.

## Asbestos Surveys, Sampling and Assessment

A full range of asbestos surveys can be undertaken adhering to the latest HSE guidance.

## Statutory Re-inspections

ECS's qualified surveyors will perform a thorough visual inspection of the asbestos containing materials identified in the asbestos register. Risk changes are recorded and the management plan updated. Recommendations for new control measures are given where required.

## Sampling and Material Identification in UKAS accredited laboratories

With UKAS accredited laboratories across the UK, ECS can undertake asbestos bulk sampling and analysis in accordance with ISO17025 and the techniques set out in HSG248.

## Air Monitoring and 4-stage Clearance

The ECS teams provide a complete inspection and airborne fibre monitoring service including reassurance inspections and air quality monitoring, personal exposure and 4-stage clearance testing for certificates of re-occupation following asbestos removal, in accordance with HSG248. There is also a 24/7 emergency call-out service available.

## Project Management of remedial work including Tender Specifications and Site Supervision.

ECS offers independent Project Management of asbestos removal from the specification and tender stages, through to the management of the removal stages. This includes air testing, 4-stage clearance activities and issuance of the certificate of re-occupation.

## Asbestos Management Consultancy

ECS's asbestos management consultancy services include providing a Compliance Audit to review existing policies and procedures as well as advice and guidance on the development of Policies and Management Plans. Retained support can be provided through the provision of an appointed expert to support clients with an asbestos management programme. Enforcement liaison and guidance is also available.

## Electronic Management System

The ECS web-based electronic management system enables clients to effectively manage their buildings, monitor and control activities and 'manage by exception'.

## Training

Asbestos awareness training is a mandatory requirement (ACoP L143) for everyone who could disturb asbestos during normal working activities or those who supervise or influence such persons. Training courses are delivered by experienced professionals and can be tailored to individual client requirements.

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