

Memo

To Safety Co-ordinators (for onward transmission to Heads of School/Directorates, School Safety Advisors, Safety Representatives)

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New University Health & Safety Codes

Asbestos in Equipment

This Code complements the comprehensive policy and procedures of the Estates Directorate, but applies *only* to school-owned or controlled equipment where asbestos containing materials (ACMs) might be present. The guidance contains a list of equipment where ACMs might be found, and details of actions to be taken to ensure compliance with the complex regulations dealing with asbestos.

All asbestos in buildings and building materials must be dealt with in accordance with the Estates policy and procedures.

Acetylene cylinders – risks in fires

This code describes the Fire Authority's emergency response to fires that involve (or are suspected of involving) acetylene cylinders. It is essential that Heads of Schools appreciate the highly disruptive impact of such an event, and that these consequences may arise without an actual fire impinging on the cylinders. Heads of School are asked to check that the school risk assessments establish, for each acetylene cylinder used or stored by school personnel, that there is no safer alternative, and that all relevant controls are identified, implemented and maintained.

Both codes and guidance can be found on the HSS webpages at
<http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/healthandsafety/CoPs&Guidance.htm#A>

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