

Exception for a Hazardous Condition

Demolition projects occasionally involve buildings that are structurally unsound, are in danger of collapse, or are in some other way dangerous to life and health. These are considered hazardous conditions that would make standard asbestos abatement work practices dangerous for workers.



Asbestos-containing material need not be removed prior to demolition if an authorized government official (e.g. Building Department Engineer, Fire Department Chief, Health District Professional, Code Enforcement Officer, etc.) or a licensed structural engineer determines, in writing, that a hazard exists which makes removal of the asbestos dangerous to life or health.

Subsequently, an AHERA Project Designer must evaluate the work area and the type and quantity (known or estimated) of asbestos-containing material, to develop an Alternate Work Plan that ensures the planned engineering control methods and work practices will be protective of public health.

Below are links to guidance documents to help building owners, consultants, and contractors comply with Asbestos Control Standards in Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency Regulation I, Article IX.

- [Damaged Structures...From Asbestos Surveys to Clean Up](#)
- [When are Alternate Asbestos Project Work Practices Necessary?](#)

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