

Labelling functions as a final line of defence to prevent unprotected or unauthorized people from:

- Risks associated with exposure to material containing asbestos
- Disturbing materials containing asbestos
- entering an area where repair or renovation activities involving these materials are underway

Labelling is usually in the form of posted signs:

- attached directly to materials containing asbestos
- At the entrance to an area where material containing asbestos is present
- At entrances to areas where asbestos is being cleaned up or removed

An appropriate sign displayed at the entrance and around the perimeter of an asbestos clean-up or removal project is represented in the text below:

DANGER
ASBESTOS
CANCER AND LUNG DISEASE HAZARD
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY
RESPIRATORS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
ARE REQUIRED IN THIS AREA

An appropriate label for material containing asbestos would be:

DANGER
CONTAINS ASBESTOS FIBRES
CANCER AND LUNG DISEASE HAZARD
DO NOT DISTURB

An appropriate sign in an area where routine maintenance is performed on material containing asbestos would be:

CAUTION: ASBESTOS
DO NOT DISTURB WITHOUT
PROPER TRAINING, EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORITY

It is also good practice to label areas where asbestos has been removed or where suspect materials do not contain asbestos. This can avoid confusion and simplify work processes particularly in areas where some materials contain asbestos and others do not.



In an area where all pipe insulation or all pipe elbows contain asbestos, a placard placed on the door or visible when entering the room stating this information may be more appropriate than labeling every pipe or elbow. A placard stating that all ACM in an area has been removed is also good practice.

Some Examples of Asbestos Labeling





These are suggested wording but there is some flexibility to allow the labelling process meet the needs of the workplace. This is particularly important in public areas or where people other than workers may be present. The two coloured symbols below show an example of a more discrete means of labelling material.

