

ASBESTOS ALERT

QUEENSLAND LEGISLATION MUST BE ADHERED TO

LEGISLATION

From 1 January 2006, Workplace Health & Safety Queensland **adopted** the *National Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces* for the identification, reporting and management of asbestos at commercial buildings built before 1 January 1990 – the “Code”.

DEADLINE – 1 JANUARY 2008

ALL COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WERE REQUIRED TO HAVE ASBESTOS IDENTIFIED AND CORRECT CONTROL MEASURES IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE WORKPLACE.

This deadline has passed and it is **imperative** that Asbestos Reports be obtained if not already done so.

If you are a commercial building owner you **MUST** have an asbestos inspection carried out and an asbestos report prepared.

If a building is being sold or released, this asbestos report should be given to the new owner/lessee.

REQUIREMENTS

The Code requires:

- **Asbestos Register** (where asbestos identified) be prepared by a qualified asbestos consultant and kept on site.
- **Signage** to display the location of asbestos.
- **Asbestos Management Plan** to be developed and implemented at the workplace including control measures determined by the consultant's risk assessment.
- **Air monitoring** to be conducted during any removal, demolition or renovation works.
- **Yearly Assessments** of the Asbestos Register to monitor the condition and health risks of the asbestos affected areas.
- **Clearance Certificates** to be obtained following any removal works.

PENALTIES

Apart from the serious health risks asbestos poses to a person's health, there are significant penalties that may apply for non-compliance of the Workplace Health & Safety Regulations. These range from fines of up to \$37,500 or 6mths imprisonment, right through to fines of up to \$150,000 or 3yrs imprisonment.

**ASBESTOS AUDITS ■ ASBESTOS REINSPECTIONS ■ ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLANS
ASBESTOS REMOVAL ■ AIR MONITORING ■ CLEARANCE CERTIFICATES**

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