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Asbestos Control Policy

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Policy Aim

The following policy is to give guidance on the handling and disposal of asbestos should it be found on your allotment plot/site.

1. Under no circumstances should asbestos be brought on to the allotment site/plot. Any tenants found to be doing so will be instructed to remove from the allotment site and failure to do so will result in termination of their tenancy and the RAA will recover the cost of correct disposal of the asbestos from the offending tenant.
2. If asbestos is discovered within a structure on the allotment site/plot guidance should be sought from the RAA ASO to determine the measures required to deal with the situation.
3. The type of asbestos that is generally found on allotment sites is in the form of white asbestos cement panels, often corrugated sheeting, used for shed panels and roofing. This type is low risk if it remains in place and is undamaged.
4. Where small pieces of asbestos or where undamaged larger corrugated sheets/pipes are found the following guidelines are provided:-
 - a. Initially it is important to correctly identify that the material is actually asbestos and type.
 - b. When handling asbestos protective gloves and a dust mask should be worn.
 - c. Broken pieces should be dampened with water prior to handling to reduce fibre release.
 - d. Small broken pieces should be double bagged and sealed.
 - e. Rotherham MBC only provide disposal facilities as detailed below

Disposal Facilities

Small quantities of Asbestos from household items e.g ironing board pads and fire blankets may be taken to our Household Waste Recycling Centre at Car Hill, Greasbrough.

None of our other sites have facilities for asbestos disposal.

Prior to visiting the site you must contact Waste Management on 01709 823054 to make arrangement for disposal. If you fail to contact in advance your waste will not be accepted.

Asbestos must be double wrapped using heavy plastic bags and when on site placed in the special skip provided. Contact a member of staff for assistance.

By following these guidelines there should be no problems removing asbestos products safely from your plot/site. If you are in any doubt please contact the RAA ASO for further advice.