

Collecting a sample for asbestos identification

Step 1 – Basic safety precautions

Please read the information given in *Fact Sheet 2: Safe practices for homeowners repairing or removing small amounts of asbestos materials*

<http://asbestosawareness.com.au>

Step 2 – Preparation for sampling

- Clear the area.
- Minimise air movement. Turn off fans and air conditioning when sampling indoors or sample outdoors on a still day.
- Collect equipment:
 - Plastic drop sheet, water spray bottle, pliers, wet wipes, resealable plastic bags, PVA glue, tape
 - Personal Protection Equipment (PPE): Disposable coveralls, disposable gloves, P2 respirator or face mask, safety glasses.



Step 3 – Taking the sample

- Put on the PPE
- Lay down a plastic drop sheet under the sampling area.
- Spray a fine mist of water onto the area to be sampled.
- Protect the inside edges of the pliers with a wet wipe before cutting a fifty-cent piece size sample to the full depth of the material, where possible.
- Place the sample in a resealable bag and seal. Place this inside a second bag labelled with your name, date, the address and location from where the sample was taken (e.g. kitchen wall, ceiling cavity, etc.)

Step 4 – Clean up

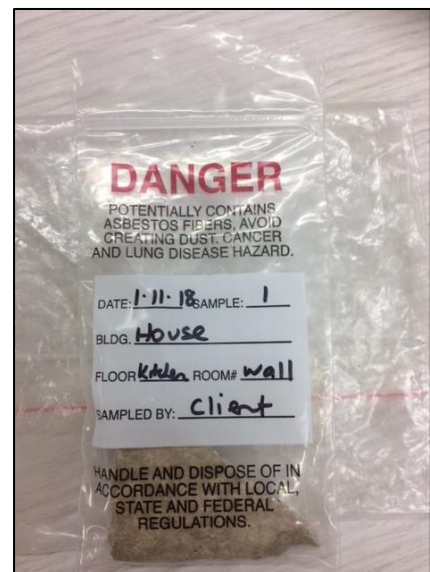
- Seal the sampled area by brushing on PVA glue or a patch of duct tape.
- Contain all dust created by carefully folding up the drop sheet and wipe down tools with a damp cloth
- Place waste in a large garbage bag with the used PPE. Seal the bag with duct tape and dispose of as asbestos waste to a licensed facility.
- Wash hands and face.

Step 5 – Dispatch the sample

- Post the sample with your contact details including your name, address, email address and contact phone number to the NATA accredited laboratory of EW Testing Services, PO Box 8158, Orange NSW 2800
- Alternatively, deliver to Envirowest Consulting, 9 Cameron Place, Orange NSW 2800 or 6/72 Corporation Avenue, Bathurst NSW 2795.
- To speak to an asbestos assessor, please call 02 6361 4954.

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