

HAZARD ALERT

Asbestos in Rock Sample Kits 25th February 2014

REFERENCE:

WHS Act 2012, cl 19.

WHS Regulations 2012

Code of Practice – How to Manage and Control Asbestos in the Workplace.pdf

OBJECTIVE:

To control or minimise the risk of exposure to asbestos fibers when handling asbestos rock samples.

WHAT IS THE HAZARD?

All workers (including students) being exposed to naturally occurring asbestos during a science lesson practical.

PREVENTATIVE ACTION:-

- Asbestos rock samples must be sealed to remain in circulation.
- Using appropriate personal protective equipment such as gloves, goggles and a breathing mask, seal the complete sample kit inclusive of all rock samples, in a plastic bag.
- Ensure all sealed asbestos rock samples are included on the site's Asbestos Register and the Asbestos Management Plan.
- Disposal of rock samples must be by placing the sample into heavy-duty 200 µm (minimum thickness) polythene bags or sheeting and sealed with tape.
- The samples can only be disposed of at a site authorised to accept asbestos.

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