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Delivering Safe Asbestos Management UK Wide



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Environmental & Asbestos Services

Introduction



Our Environmental and Asbestos Removal Division provides the safe and legislative project management your building requires. From survey and analysis to project completion and safe disposal, we ensure employees and visitors within your facilities and the communities surrounding you are within a safe environment.

Working across a wide range of sectors, including manufacturing, healthcare, retail, industrial and leisure, our team engage with owners, surveyors and property managers to ensure the safe and secure management of asbestos projects.

Our Company

Starfish Environmental and Asbestos Services (SEAS) is a division of Starfish Construction Group, shaping the built environment across the UK by developing partnerships that deliver a positive impact.

SEAS is enhancing our turnkey building support solutions and technical expertise ensuring best-in-class delivery and sustainability, supporting you today and in the future.

We've built our business around our knowledgeable people and robust processes. Our reputation in the building envelope and construction sectors is a testament to our core values.

We have demonstrable experience across our business, from the management team, support staff, technicians and operatives who make Starfish Construction a trusted partner throughout the UK.



Diagnose, Design and Deliver



Our extensive property and building industry knowledge and experience enable us to deliver projects from planning to completion. All buildings must conform to Building Regulations, Codes of Practice and Best Practices, and our environmental and asbestos management is a crucial element in our construction sector armoury. We Diagnose, Design and Deliver solutions for clients, working across various sectors. Operational excellence comes from highly skilled and accredited staff overseen by knowledgeable industry project managers.

We advise our clients to closely examine the Professional Indemnity Insurance cover of contractors working on their properties. Starfish Construction has a Professional Indemnity Insurance Cover of £15 million, including the Design & Installation of Roofing, Cladding and Building Envelope Systems.

SEAS Accredited and Licensed Environmental & Asbestos Services

When it comes to asbestos, you can't take any risks - no level of asbestos exposure is considered safe. Our staff are members of the Asbestos Management Institute (AMI). Our team provides guidance on safety and legislation for all commercial property types. We protect by taking the right approach for you, your property, your business, and the wider public.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) licence allows Starfish Environmental & Asbestos Services to work with asbestos under the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012. Our licence brings enormous responsibility, and our team carries out all aspects of the investigation and works with the utmost care and attention, backed by our experience and knowledge, mitigating risks to health and the environment.

As a Licensed Asbestos Removal Contractor (LARC), we will manage every aspect of your project from initial contact to completion. To be HSE approved licence holders, we must uphold the highest level of competence and undergo continual assessments to ensure we maintain our skills, knowledge and best practice throughout every project.





What does AMI Membership mean for your Project?



AMI is a joint venture between the Asbestos Removal Contractors Association (ARCA) and the National Federation of Demolition Contractors (NFDC); these two trade associations represent HSE licensed asbestos removal contractors. Members of AMI are recognised as professionals within the asbestos removal management industry and are required to hold recognised qualifications in asbestos management and project leadership.

Licensed Asbestos Removal is one of the most tightly regulated areas of the construction industry and is subject to an approved code of practice and legislation under:

- The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999
- Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012
- The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974

Each of these statutory legislations must form part of any asbestos:

- Investigation
- Management
- Remediation
- Material removal



Don't take chances with Asbestos



Building owners, property managers and Surveyors, throughout the UK turn to Starfish Environmental and Asbestos Services when faced with a project where asbestos containing material is a factor. Our knowledgeable and licensed professionals will provide expertise, surveys and advice.





SEAS

Turnkey Asbestos Solutions

When addressing asbestos materials within the fabric of a building, this is more than managing the environmental element; this is about safeguarding the health of anyone who can come into contact with one of the most dangerous substances in the built environment. Legislation and general attitudes to a building's environmental credentials, efficiency, and safety have improved for workers, residents and visitors.

Being part of a multi-faceted construction group brings added value and protection to SEAS customers. Starfish Construction has an exemplary health and safety record, backed by our many industry awards and accreditations. Our knowledge of regulations across industrial and commercial buildings helps guide owners to meet all legislation criteria. Fines and penalties for property owners are commonplace for those who fail to follow best practices. For many of our customers, it's not only a desire to meet legislation but an approach to deliver best-in-class property solutions that drive their environmental decisions.

Even today, exposure to asbestos and related medical conditions is still the most significant cause of work-related deaths in the UK. Failure to meet your duties under regulations can have severe consequences, and criminal prosecutions are widely evident across many industries. The design of the applicable laws helps protect you and your employees to ensure that you meet your duty of care in assessing risk in managing Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs).

SEAS Surveys and Asbestos Management Services

SURVEY

SEAS professionally qualified Asbestos Surveyors can identify asbestos materials, advise on asbestos management and compile an action plan for any remedial work required. Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM) are either known to or presumed to contain asbestos.



SEAS provide two main survey options:

- Asbestos Management Surveys
- Asbestos Refurbishment and Demolition Surveys.

The initial survey is to carry out a material assessment to determine if:

- Determine if ACM is present, the quantity, type, and record findings
- Find how accessible is the ACM
- Assess the condition and treatability

SEAS carry out all surveys and sampling under strict guidelines to ensure limited exposure and no damage to hazardous materials. We carry out analysis through an ISO accredited inspection body.



Asbestos Risk Assessment and Action Plan

Our complete end-to-end service provides safe testing, removal and management of ACM.

Our three-stage process across Starfish Construction Group and SEAS follows the same methodology.

ASSESS



We carry out a comprehensive survey to establish the presence of asbestos in materials, air, dust, and soil and assess the risks. SEAS will produce a report on contract approval and commence the next stage.

If the asbestos is in good condition and not directly exposed to human or environmental contact, it may be safe to leave it in place - but should be regularly monitored. Our surveyor will provide a detailed report based on the inspection and sampling to determine a plan of action. The report may advise:

- No remediation required - continue to monitor
- The project is suitable for a repair, coating or overlay
- Timely removal and disposal are essential.

PLAN



Our report may advise removing the asbestos material. If that is the case, our specialist team will work with you to achieve this successfully and safely and with minimum impact on your business, staff, general public and the surrounding area.

We design an asbestos management process to safely allow as many day-to-day activities in a building or plant to continue if safe when removing the asbestos-containing materials.

IMPLEMENT



We carry out all removal and disposal works under HSE guidance and are governed by our AMI Professional Asbestos Removal Management code of conduct.

All waste asbestos disposal adheres to legislative compliance during removal, sealed storage, haulage and disposal at a licensed site.

We design our asbestos management safety plan for specific activities that involve asbestos-containing materials, including preparation, supervision, and asbestos removal. We also operate an asbestos helpdesk, available at all times for asbestos-related issues and questions.

As we have outlined, asbestos is hazardous when particles are released. There are two main types of Asbestos Containing Materials (ACMs) - Friable and Non-Friable. In simple terms, friable material will crumble even between the fingers and is likely to cause medical harm. Even at 1% asbestos content is deemed hazardous.

Trust SEAS for Safe Asbestos and Environmental Management Solutions. Your Safety is our Priority.

Asbestos FAQs

What are the main types of asbestos products?

All asbestos containing materials are potentially hazardous to health and should never be sampled or removed without expert knowledge.

Non-friable asbestos (hard-bonded) is more resistant to damage and abrasion, making it less likely to release harmful fibres. Non-friable asbestos material can become friable if the particles start breaking down.

Friable asbestos is more prone to damage and can break and crumble easily, releasing inhalable asbestos fibres into the air.

What products contain non-friable asbestos?

A wide range of products may contain non-friable asbestos, including; vinyl floor tiles, Artex, liquid coatings, and industrial and commercial roofing (asbestos cement). But these require specialist assessment and removal.

What products contain friable asbestos?

The most common products which have historically contained friable asbestos include; insulation, felt roofing, and pipe coverings—Particularly materials that are prone to crumbling and cracking.





What are the Health Risks of Asbestos Exposure?

The risks to health from exposure to asbestos, including lung disease and cancers, were noted in 1899, with the first recorded death from asbestos-related exposure in 1906. The use of asbestos materials continued for many decades and is still mined in some parts of the world today.

When asbestos dust is inhaled or ingested, the fibres can become permanently trapped in the body. Over the years, asbestos fibres can cause inflammation, scarring and eventually genetic damage.

Any asbestos exposure is unsafe, but asbestos generally has the worst effects when exposed to an intense concentration regularly over a long period. Asbestos accumulates in the body with every exposure, and there is no known way to reverse the damage it causes.





What is the history of Asbestos?



Asbestos is a group of naturally occurring silicate minerals made of thin, microscopic fibres. Although we can trace its historical use back to early humans, its potential as a fire retardant wasn't exploited until the 19th century. Asbestos naturally offers heat and chemical resistance, fireproofing and strength. As a result, asbestos was a popular additive to various products throughout most of the 20th century.

Uses for asbestos are wide and varied from safety clothing, automotive parts, household items and throughout the construction sector. Materials containing asbestos are generally safe if they are in good condition. The problem is that fibres and dust particles released can cause serious health conditions.

Most of us have lived, worked, or been close to asbestos in some shape or form throughout our lives without knowing it, as its use was widespread until the 1970s. At the point of a building requiring repairs or demolition, a survey will pinpoint asbestos material contained in the fabric of the structure, allowing you to take necessary action.



What should I do if I suspect asbestos material?

Stop! Don't touch or disturb the suspected material and call SEAS immediately on **0333 016 5399**. We can offer initial advice and arrange to carry out a survey.

