

REMOVAL OF TEXTURED COATINGS AND FLOOR TILES

ACTIVITY RAMS — ADAPT TO SITE BEFORE USE

Artex-type coatings · vinyl floor tiles and bitumen adhesive — non-licensed and>NNLW methods

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Statutory basis: HSWA 1974 s.2(2)(a) and MHSWR 1999 regs 3 and 5 — this document is the recorded safe system of work. The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 govern the work: reg 3 defines licensable, notifiable non-licensed (NNLW) and non-licensed work; reg 5 identification before work; reg 6 the assessment; reg 3(2) the exemption from licensing for the work covered here; reg 9 notification of>NNLW; reg 19 air monitoring and reg 22 health records and medical surveillance where the work is>NNLW; reg 10 training; reg 11 prevention or reduction of exposure; reg 16 duty to prevent spread; reg 24 waste. HSG210 (4th edition, 2018), the Asbestos Essentials task sheets, are the method for each task; HSG247 marks where licensed work begins; waste is consigned under the Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005. Work outside the non-licensed category — sprayed coatings, lagging, insulating board other than small, short-duration tasks — is licensed work and is NOT covered by this document. Prepared against legislation current at 10/08/2026.

1 DOCUMENT AND PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

RAMS REFERENCE	PROJECT / SITE REF	SITE NAME AND ADDRESS	DATE PREPARED	NEXT REVIEW DATE
CLIENT / PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR	PLANNED START	DURATION	OPERATIVES	SUPERVISING THE WORK

2 SCOPE OF WORKS

Removal of textured decorative coatings by the steam or gel method and of asbestos-containing vinyl floor tiles and bitumen adhesive: segregation, method to the task sheet, wrapping and consignment, cleaning.

This document does not cover: dry scraping or sanding of textured coatings — not permitted; and any material other than these two.

SITE-SPECIFIC SCOPE, LOCATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

3 RISK ASSESSMENT — SCORE EACH RISK FOR THIS SITE, THEN ADD WHAT IS MISSING

The hazards and controls below are the starting point for this activity, written by a working main contractor. They are not complete for your site until a competent person has scored each risk, added the site-specific hazards, and struck out anything that does not apply. Rate risks High / Medium / Low before and after controls.

1. Release of asbestos fibre — mesothelioma, lung cancer, asbestosis

At risk: Operatives, occupants, other trades

Controls: Work only within the non-licensed category confirmed by the assessment; HSG210 task sheet method; area segregated and signed; wet methods; enclosure or mini-enclosure where the task sheet requires; Class H vacuum; RPE (FFP3 minimum, face-fitted) and disposable coveralls; no breaking beyond what the task sheet allows; decontamination; nobody untrained in the area.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

2. Work that turns out to be licensable

At risk: Operatives, occupants

Controls: Material type and condition checked against the survey and reg 3 before the assessment is signed; if the material, quantity or condition puts it in the licensed category, stop — licensed contractor only. Sprayed coatings, lagging and AIB beyond short-duration work are never non-licensed.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

3. Manual handling of whole cement sheets and bagged waste

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Sheets lowered whole by two people or by plant — never dropped or slid; bags filled to a carryable weight; trolley to the sealed skip; no throwing.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4. Work at height from steps, podiums, towers or MEWPs

At risk: Operatives, and anyone below

Controls: Select access by the Work at Height hierarchy — podium or tower before steps; MEWPs by trained (IPAF) operators only. Inspect access equipment before use, establish an exclusion below overhead work, and secure tools and materials against dropping.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

5. Steam and hot gel for textured coating removal

At risk: Operatives

Controls: Steam equipment used per the manufacturer's instructions; gloves and face protection; ventilation; electrical equipment on RCD.

INITIAL (H/M/L)	RESIDUAL (H/M/L)	SITE-SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CONTROLS, OR N/A	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

Site-specific hazards not listed above — every site has at least one:

HAZARD	WHO IS AT RISK	CONTROLS	INITIAL HI...	RESIDUAL...	ACTION OWNER	BY WHEN

4 METHOD — SEQUENCE OF WORK

- 01 Confirm the material from the survey; complete the assessment; notify if>NNLW (textured coating removal by most methods is>NNLW).
- 02 Segregate and sign; polythene to floor and walls; mini-enclosure where the task sheet requires; Class H vacuum.
- 03 Textured coating — soften with steam or gel, scrape onto polythene wet, never dry. Floor tiles — lift whole with a hand scraper after warming; adhesive scraped wet.
- 04 Bag and label waste as it is produced; consignment note.
- 05 Clean with the Class H vacuum and wet wipe; visual inspection; decontaminate; record.

SITE-SPECIFIC AMENDMENTS TO THE SEQUENCE

5 PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS

Steam stripper / gel

Class H vacuum

Hand scrapers

INSPECTION / THOROUGH EXAMINATION REFS

COSHH ASSESSMENT REFS

6 PPE — THE LAST LINE OF CONTROL, NOT THE FIRST

Head protection

Gloves — task-rated

Face-fitted FFP3 RPE; type 5/6 disposable coveralls

Safety footwear

Eye protection

High visibility

Hearing protection

RPE TYPE, FACE-FIT STATUS, AND ANY OTHER PPE REQUIRED

7 PERMITS REQUIRED BEFORE THIS WORK STARTS

A permit authorises this work in that place, on that day. It extends the safe system of work in this document — it does not replace it (HSE HSG250). The site issues the permit; record its number before work starts.

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In occupied buildings where the site controls access.

PERMIT NUMBER

8 EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS — COMPLETE FOR THIS SITE

FIRST AIDER AND LOCATION

NEAREST A&E

ASSEMBLY POINT

HOW THE ALARM IS RAISED

EMERGENCY ACCESS FOR THIS WORK AREA

SPILL / ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE

9 BRIEFING RECORD — EVERYONE WORKING UNDER THIS RAMS SIGNS BEFORE STARTING

By signing you confirm the contents of this RAMS have been explained to you, you understand the hazards and controls, and you will work to the sequence stated. Tell the supervisor if the work or the site does not match this document — work stops until it does.

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE

10 PREPARED AND ACCEPTED

Prepared / adapted for this site by — I confirm I have adapted this document to the site, scored the risks, and that it describes how the work will actually be done.

PRINTED NAME	ROLE / COMPETENCE	COMPANY	SIGNATURE	DATE	TIME

Accepted for the site by — principal contractor or site manager review.

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Review this RAMS if the work, the site or the law changes, and at least before each new phase of the works. Flatten the completed PDF before filing so the record cannot be silently edited.

R REVISION HISTORY

Every revision of this document, and every review that found nothing to change. The revision on the front of this sheet is the one you are holding — check kubitdocs.com for the current one before use.

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