

TOOLBOX TALK — ASBESTOS AWARENESS — WHERE IT HIDES

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Five to ten minutes at the workplace, spoken by the supervisor, recorded below — and two-way, or it is not a talk

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WHY THIS TALK: Asbestos still kills more workers in Britain than anything else — many times the annual site accident toll — and the people it is killing now breathed it in decades ago on ordinary refurb jobs like the ones we do.

1 THE SESSION

SITE / PROJECT	DELIVERED BY	DATE	TIME

2 THE POINTS TO MAKE — TICK AS COVERED, IN YOUR OWN WORDS

- Any building finished before 2000 is treated as containing asbestos until the survey says otherwise
- It hides in the boring stuff: ceiling tiles, floor tiles and their adhesive, textured coatings, gaskets, boards behind heaters, soffits, cement sheet roofs
- Check the asbestos register and the survey BEFORE drilling, cutting, chasing or stripping anything in an older building
- The survey has limits — it only saw where it looked; opening up can find what it could not
- Find something suspect mid-job: STOP, walk away, keep others out, report it — a suspect board disturbed for one more minute can contaminate the floor
- Never sweep, break or bag suspect debris "to tidy up" — that is how one person's find becomes a gang's exposure
- Awareness training says what it is and when to stop — it does NOT qualify anyone to work on it

MADE SPECIFIC TO THIS SITE

3 ASK THE CREW — AND WRITE DOWN WHAT COMES BACK

- What year is this building, and where is its asbestos register kept?
- Which materials on this job would make you stop if you hit them?
- What exactly would you do, step by step, if the ceiling tile you lifted looked wrong?

WHAT THE CREW RAISED, AND WHAT HAPPENS ABOUT IT

4 WHO WAS THERE

NAME	COMPANY	SIGNATURE

RECORD COMPLETED BY	SIGNATURE	DATE	FILED WHERE

R REVISION HISTORY

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