



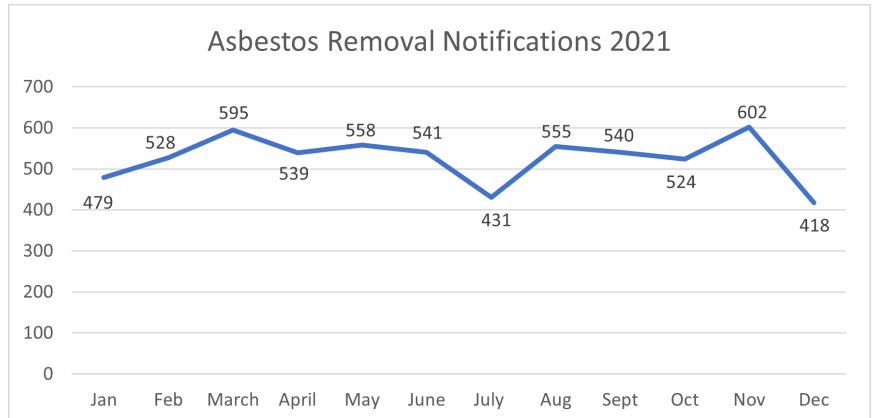
South Australia is a signatory to the Asbestos Safety and Eradication's *National Strategic Plan for Asbestos Awareness and Management 2019 – 2023*

1. Increase awareness
2. Identified and assessed the risks associated with ACMs in Government infrastructure
3. Prioritised safe removal of asbestos, according to risk in Government infrastructure
4. All regulators have in place and have implemented asbestos compliance program.
5. Commercial buildings have an up-to-date asbestos register and management plan.
6. All regulators are investigating, prosecuting and penalising serious breaches of asbestos-related laws
7. Easier and cheaper disposal of asbestos waste,

Health and Safety Snapshot

2021, SafeWork SA received **6310** asbestos removal notifications, that is a:

- 8% increase in notifications compared to the previous year.
- 5% increase in friable removals compared to the previous year.



Top 6

Reasons for issuing Improvement notices

- 21%** Failed to comply with asbestos licence conditions
- 10%** Failure to review/revise asbestos register prior to commencing demolition/refurbishment
- 9%** Tight fitting (Negative pressure) respirator fit-testing
- 8%** Licensed asbestos removal worker had not undertaken health monitoring
- 7%** Asbestos management plans
- 6%** Licensed asbestos removal worker not VET trained

Top 5

Reasons for issuing Prohibition notices

- 31%** Failure to review/revise asbestos register prior to commencing demolition/refurbishment
- 25%** Risk of exposure to asbestos
- 11%** Negative pressure respirator fit-testing
- 8%** Failure to identify and remove asbestos prior to commencing demolition or refurbishment work
- 6%** Licensed asbestos removal worker had not undertaken health monitoring

Top 6

Reasons for issuing Letters of warning

- 25%** Worker not fit-tested for tight fitting (negative pressure) respirator
- 15%** Licensed asbestos removal worker had not undertaken health monitoring
- 12%** VET training certificate not available at the workplace
- 8%** Licensed asbestos assessor issued clearance certificate with visible debris at the removal area
- 8%** Licensed asbestos assessor did not follow membrane filter method

Top 5 Most common complaints

- 21%** Unsafe removal of asbestos material
- 14%** Failure to notify persons in the vicinity prior to commencing licensed asbestos removal work
- 13%** Risk of exposure to asbestos fibres
- 13%** Risk of dust containing asbestos fibres
- 11%** Asbestos debris found

Sanctions

Expiation issued

Failure to prepare an asbestos register for a workplace that was constructed before 31 December 2003 - \$2160.

Licence suspension

A Class B asbestos removalist had their licence cancelled and disqualified for a period of 12 months following an immediate suspension where the licence holder failed to remove asbestos safely and competently. Visible asbestos residue was scattered throughout the worksite and in-situ asbestos wasn't identified and removed by the removalist prior to commencing demolition work. The licence holder had been suspended for 3 months in 2020 for similar breaches.

An asbestos assessor was suspended for 3 months for issuing a clearance certificate without undertaking a proper and effective inspection of the asbestos removal area after asbestos removal work had been completed to verify that the area was safe for normal use.

Top 30

Highest number of asbestos removal notifications per suburb/town

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| 1. ADELAIDE | 16. PROSPECT |
| 2. MODBURY | 17. PARA HILLS |
| 3. WOODVILLE | 18. FULHAM |
| 4. WHYALLA | 19. MURRAY BRIDGE |
| 5. SALISBURY | 20. ROSTREVOR |
| 6. MORPHETTVILLE | 21. MITCHELL PARK |
| 7. GLENELG | 22. PORT LINCOLN |
| 8. ELIZABETH | 23. GOOLWA |
| 9. SEATON | 24. PLYMPTON |
| 10. CHRISTIES BEACH | 25. BEDFORD PARK |
| 11. PORT AUGUSTA | 26. VALLEY VIEW |
| 12. HENLEY BEACH | 27. SEMAPHORE |
| 13. WEST LAKES | 28. SOMERTON PARK |
| 14. INGLE FARM | 29. MAGILL |
| 15. CAMPBELLTOWN | 30. MITCHELL PARK |

Focus for FY 2022-2020

- Monitoring of removalist whose licencing is up for renewal
- Review/revise of asbestos registers prior to demolition or refurbishment work commencing
- Fit-testing for negative pressure respirator use
- Health monitoring
- Adequate supervision
- Independent engagement of licensed asbestos assessors
- Air monitoring and clearance inspections
- Asbestos Removal Control Plans

Top 5 - Asbestos Containing Material Removed

Domestic premises (3847 Notifications)

1. Eaves
2. External sheeting
3. Internal sheeting
4. Ceiling
5. Roof

83 notifications were associated with asbestos backed vinyl, a friable asbestos material found in a home

Workplaces (1986 Notifications)

1. Internal sheeting
2. Eaves
3. External sheeting
4. Floor tiles
5. Ceiling

342 notifications were friable asbestos removals, 151 were associated with asbestos backed vinyl.