

It's not always necessary or cost-effective to remove asbestos. However if it remains in situ, effective management is vital to prevent accidental disturbance and potentially deadly exposure.

Unfortunately, this doesn't always happen.

Introducing



asbestos
SMART

A simple technological solution that helps you manage asbestos in a simpler, smarter, safer way for as little as £200 per site per year.

Asbestos the Hidden Killer

Still prevalent and the greatest source of workplace deaths in the UK today.



“One in three construction workers have never seen an asbestos register”

IOSH, April 2018


The Facts

- Deaths are rising and have not peaked in 2010 as predicted.
- In 2018 out of an estimated 5,000 asbestos related deaths over 2,600 people died from mesothelioma.
- Financial costs are rising in terms of both NHS treatments and multi-million pound claims against major employers. The average individual compensation payment is now over £120,000 in the UK.
- Mounting pressure to take positive action from mainstream media, the public and unions.
- Over 500,000 workplaces still contain asbestos. This would require tens of billions of pounds to remove safely.
- If asbestos is not going to be removed, it's critical that it's effectively managed at a reasonable cost. There is increasing pressure on responsible employers/persons to demonstrate that this is the case.
- Major refurbishments are increasingly better managed under CAR 2012 but there are still tens of thousands of potentially deadly asbestos exposures annually. This is mainly due to accidental disturbances by people on site: occupants, surveyors, maintenance contractors, IT engineers, small works contractors etc. It is these people who often put themselves and others at risk.

“There is no absolutely safe level of asbestos exposure for any type of asbestos fibre”

OSHA (www.osha.gov)

- Accidental disturbances of ACMs are mostly due to a lethal combination of ignorance: the hidden nature of asbestos, inadequately trained contractors, unaware staff and ineffective management.
- The net result: asbestos exposure is still responsible for more fatalities than any other direct cause of workplace death. This may still be hundreds and possibly thousands of people per decade.
- Fortunately, we believe that this can be changed with a bit of Smart IT (combining smart information technology with some intelligent thinking) for under £200 per site per year.



ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT NOTICE

Asbestos containing materials have been identified in these premises:

Metro House, 79-80 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 8HA

In accordance with the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, no works may be undertaken on these premises which could lead to the disturbance of asbestos fibres.


Before undertaking any works please consult the Asbestos Register which can be downloaded by scanning the QR Code here with your smartphone or tablet:
(Free barcode scanner apps are available to download for most devices)

If you are in any doubt, please contact your supervisor prior to commencing any works on these premises.

Be Asbestos Smart!

In the case of an asbestos emergency contact this number immediately:

020 7967 3939

**UNAUTHORISED WORKS ON ASBESTOS MATERIALS IS PROHIBITED AND CAN RESULT IN SEVERE FINES AND / OR IMPRISONMENT.**

For details about this service please visit our web site: www.metro-safety.co.uk

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Introducing Asbestos SMART

Asbestos SMART is a simple, easy to use technological solution which gives visiting contractors and key on-site personnel immediate access to the latest asbestos register for your building, just by using their mobile phone or smart mobile device.



Every building enrolled into the Asbestos SMART system is issued with a unique QR code.

The QR code is incorporated into a sign. This can be tailored to your organisation's individual requirements, including your logo and contact details.

The sign can act as a passive reminder or be incorporated as an active part of your visitor/contractor sign-in process.

When the QR code is scanned, a copy of the asbestos register is automatically downloaded direct to the user's smart phone or tablet. This allows them to locate any previously identified ACMs and understand whether it is safe to proceed with their visit and undertake works, without creating any asbestos disturbance.

The whole process can be completed on site in a matter of seconds.



The sign has a QR code which is unique and links to the asbestos register for your premises. Simply scan the code with the code reader of a smart phone or tablet and the register will download and be available to view. If the smart phone or tablet used does not have a code reader they are available (normally as a free download) from iTunes for iOS devices and Google Play for Android. The downloaded register contains information about the identified asbestos.

Key Benefits

Asbestos SMART has been designed to improve your compliance, reduce risks and save you time and money. It gives you much better line of sight, allowing you to be confident that you are effectively managing the UK's number one source of deaths in the workplace.

- ✓ The building's asbestos register is instantly accessible, 24/7, to everyone whenever and wherever they need it, via a mobile device with a camera function.
- ✓ No user authentication required: NO need for users to create an account or sign in with a username and password.
- ✓ The asbestos register is presented in an easily understood format. Once accessed, it can be carried through the building on a mobile device.
- ✓ Tailored, well designed and well positioned signage can act as an important reminder to both staff and contractors that ACMs are present in the building and care needs to be taken not to disturb them.
- ✓ The overall result is that the risk of damaging or disturbing ACMs is vastly reduced, making buildings safer for occupants, visitors and contractors.
- ✓ Consequently, less time and money needs to be spent on costly, unplanned remedial works caused by asbestos disturbances.
- ✓ Asbestos SMART can provide significant savings on administration costs whilst speeding up distribution of asbestos registers to relevant persons, as required by law.
- ✓ QR downloads are logged. Every time an asbestos register is downloaded the date, time and user's IP address are recorded; giving management valuable "line of sight" reporting plus evidence of effective management.
- ✓ The Asbestos SMART system works with any valid asbestos register and is not limited to asbestos surveys carried out by specific companies.
- ✓ Larger employers can purchase bulk licences. Individual building managers, divisions etc. can download their own reports, generate their own unique QR codes and develop signage tailored to their own needs.

Our Social Mission

We are working closely with Mesothelioma UK, the leading charity supporting victims and clinical research into mesothelioma. A proportion of all licence fees will support Mesothelioma UK in its daily activities. Profits will be reinvested to improve education and awareness of contractors, managers and the public.

In addition to saving lives, time and money our aim is to make asbestos management safer, simpler and more effective (smarter) for all concerned. We wish to work with likeminded people and organisations to help change and improve the culture around asbestos management, so that people no longer need die of the sheer ignorance that has blighted so many people's lives for too many decades, as a result of lack of knowledge, ineffective management or, in some cases, indifferent employers.



Safety SMART uses the same QR technology as our Asbestos SMART system to give site personnel and visitors on demand access to a tailored selection of key site-specific safety documentation, via their smart phone camera. As leading compliance specialists we can modify your existing documents into a mobile friendly format or supply any additional fire, health & safety services required.