

Asbestos Awareness

Estimated time to complete: 1-2 hours

Course Description

SafeSchools Asbestos Awareness course provides four scenarios depicting the most common situations involving schools and asbestos. The course demonstrates the necessary discovery/detection and response sequence for personnel encountering these situations. The scenarios present different viewpoints allowing learners to understand the overall process as well as their particular role in the health and safety management of school occupants.

Common Themes

- All school personnel should know the hazardous materials and conditions in their working environment.
- Asbestos exposure is always an emergency and time is always of the essence.
- Asbestos-response actions are time-tested procedures.
- Treat others' health and safety as you might wish them to treat yours.
- Exposure is permanent and cannot be "undone" once it occurs.

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Training Environments

SafeSchools is ideal for a blended learning environment, complementing in-service or video training, or as a stand-alone training course. The *SafeSchools* approach engages the learner in an e-learning environment; while a Compliance Management System automatically tracks his/her progress through the courses. This assists the district administrator or training coordinator in demonstrating compliance.