Managing asbestos in schools

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5. Make the Asbestos information for schools booklet available to all staff.
6. Regularly inspect the condition of school facilities for damage and potential asbestos exposure (maintain appropriate records).
7. Report damage and asbestos incidents to DECS Senior Project Officer, Repairs and Maintenance – School Buildings on 8901 4928.
8. Monitor all work activities and maintain appropriate records.

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Response to suspected asbestos incident

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Actions
1. Clear and secure the room. If external to the building, isolate and barricade the immediate area.
2. Switch off the air-conditioning.
3. Evacuate adjacent rooms served by the same air-conditioning source.
4. Inform staff and students of the incident and precautions/actions to be taken.
5. Inform DECS Senior Project Officer, Repairs and Maintenance – School Buildings on 8901 4928 of the suspected asbestos incident. Provide as much information about the incident as possible.
6. Follow the immediate advice provided by the Maintenance Manager.
7. If asbestos exposure is confirmed, complete an online incident report or paper version if online form is inaccessible. Submit via email OHS_DET@nt.gov.au or fax 8999 5711.
8. Inform your Director School Performance.

This information is provided to assist principals to commence safe management procedures where an incident has occurred involving the release, or suspected release, of asbestos fibres on school premises.