

Drywall Removal

The following outlines the necessary procedures for the removal or demolition of drywall where the joint compound contains or is suspected to contain asbestos. As a general rule asbestos was used in joint compound prior to 1980. Requirements for this type of work emphasize strongly on dust control. The use of a respirator denotes this work to be a modified Type 1 procedure. As with any type 1 work, power tools must not be used. Suspect materials should be kept damp to keep dust controlled, but care should be exercised not to create a situation that may cause water accumulation and promote future mould growth in or on remaining building materials.

Required Equipment:

- Half-face negative pressure respirator equipped with new or tested P-100 filters
- Disposable coveralls with boot covers
- Garden sprayer filled with amended water (soapy water)
- Poly drop sheet
- Hand tools

Work Procedures:

Small removal jobs

1. Use of a respirator fitted with new or tested P100 filtered cartridges and disposable coveralls is optional for small removal jobs
2. Install a poly drop sheet beneath the work area using duct tape
3. Mist the drywall to be removed concentrating on corners and any areas where seams are visible or suspected to be present
4. Continue to mist any suspect material as work progresses
5. Dispose of all waste material as regular construction debris (asbestos waste disposal is not required).

Demolition:

1. Shutdown the HVAC system affecting the work area. Cover all HVAC vents and diffusers.
2. Don approved respirator (fitted with new or tested P100 filtered cartridges) and disposable coveralls
3. Mist the drywall to be removed concentrating on corners and any areas where seams are visible or suspected to be present
4. Continue to mist any suspect material as work progresses
5. Control dust in area by misting fallen debris
6. Dispose of all waste material as regular construction debris (asbestos waste disposal is not required).

Note: No special waste disposal or air monitoring is required for this type of work. However a duly authorized asbestos work permit is required.