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What does this mean for you?

Business applying for or who have a Class A asbestos removal licenses are now required to have a certified safety management system in place from 4th April 2018. This safety management system must follow AS/NZ Standard 4801:2001 or OHSAS 18001 and is also required to meet the Worksafe Instruments. Simply having a system that meets 4801:2001 is not sufficient. To get certified your safety management system must also be accredited by a JAS-ANZ certification body.

If you already have a class A asbestos removal license then you will still require a certified safety management system by 4th April 2018. After this date failure to produce evidence that you have a system in place and are seeking certification will result in license removal.

who we are

We are a team of registered, experienced safety professionals with extensive national and international experience. We can provide you with the right advice for your business.



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Do you have a Class A licence to **remove asbestos**



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The Regulations around working with asbestos changed on 4 April 2016.

Asbestos is New Zealand's number one killer in the workplace. Around 170 people die each year from asbestos related diseases.

If you are a Class A License holder you are required to meet the new licensing requirements including the requirement to have a safety management system in place from 4 April 2018.

A safety management system is designed to ensure a business can identify risks in advance and plan how to deal with them.

Are you aware of your PCBU due diligence requirements relating to Asbestos?

1. Ensure exposure to airborne asbestos at workplace is removed as far as reasonably practicable and airborne contamination standard is not exceeded.
 2. Ensure that all asbestos or Asbestos containing material (ACM) that may cause a risk in the workplace is identified.
 3. Analyse identified asbestos samples by an accredited laboratory.
 4. Ensure presence and location of asbestos indicated at the workplace is clearly identified.
 5. Prepare and review your asbestos management plan.
 6. Provide health monitoring to a worker within four weeks of them starting.
 7. Ensure appropriate health monitoring is carried out including a physical examination by medical practitioner considering the workers demographics and exposure to asbestos.
 8. Train workers in the identification and safe handling of and suitable control measures for asbestos and ACM.
 9. Limit use of equipment on asbestos or ACM.
- Management of these duties needs to be clearly documented in your Risk Management system plan which is an integral part of your Safety Management System.



“Good Practice can be achieved - it just takes a little bit of help from the right people.”

What is a Certified Safety Management System?

Utilising a formal health and safety management system (SMS) based on a recognised standard provides the following benefits:

- Provides an assurance framework to ensure all appropriate policies and procedures are in place
- Enables risks to safety and health to be effectively addressed and controlled.
- Provides an auditable baseline providing an avenue for external assurance
- Includes processes for continuous improvement.
- Allows an organisation to better prioritise the use of resources for health and safety including: financial, people, time, equipment and training resources.
- Provides clear allocation of specific health and safety responsibilities.
- Minimises losses through monitoring, feedback and corrective actions

The ultimate aim of any SMS is reduce workplace injury and illness.

An SMS is a set of elements aligned to international best practice that will help you to reduce risk and make your workplace as safe as possible. It will help you create a resilient organization, be more effective at protecting the health and welfare of your workforce, and be more aware of your legal and regulatory re-sponsibilities.

Your SMS can be tailored to the size and complexity of your business.

how we can help you

You may already have a safety management system in place and if so we will review your system and provide you with recommendations for improvement and develop and implement these improvements into your system.

Don't have a system – that's okay we can assist you with that as well - working with you to tailor a solution specifically for your size and type of business.

Van Schaik's Health and Safety professionals will provide you with solutions that are targeted, pragmatic and cost effective to give you assurance that you have met your compliance and due diligence requirements as an Asbestos licensed remover.

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solutions we provide

- 1 **Gap analysis**
Complete a gap analysis of your current system and provide recommendations for improvement.
- 2 **Tailored safety management system**
Develop a tailored Safety Management System for your business that meets external certification requirements (AS/NZS 4801, OHSAS 18001).
- 3 **Procedures**
Development of safe work procedures required by the Health and Safety at Work (Asbestos) Regulations 2016 and associated WorkSafe NZ Approved Codes of Practice and Guidance Material.
- 4 **Risk management framework**
Development of a risk management framework required by the Health and Safety at Work (Asbestos) Regulations 2016 and associated WorkSafe NZ Approved Codes of Practice and Guidance Material.
- 5 **Coaching and support**
Provide coaching and support to help you implement your SMS.



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