



New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association Releases Guidelines for Fire Damaged Asbestos Building Safety

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The New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association (NZDAA) is pleased to announce the release of its comprehensive Guidelines for Fire Damaged Asbestos Buildings.

These guidelines offer practical solutions and real-world guidance for ensuring the safe deconstruction, and removal of structures affected by fire damage, with a primary focus on protecting the health and safety of workers and the community from asbestos contamination.

Helina Stil, President of the NZDAA, stated, "The development of these guidelines was seen as a priority by the NZDAA given the increasing occurrence of fire damaged asbestos structures in New Zealand. This guidance incorporates international best practices, customised to align with Aotearoa's legislative framework, and carefully addresses the unique characteristics of our Kiwi environment"

The NZDAA's Guidelines for Fire Damaged Asbestos Buildings provide valuable insights into the roles of stakeholders involved in the process, offering solutions to help them meet their legislative duties while ensuring the effective management of asbestos risks.

These guidelines emphasise practical measures to safeguard against asbestos exposure during all phases of dealing with fire-damaged structures, from initial assessment to final clean-up.

Key highlights of the guidelines include:

- Emphasis on health and safety protection measures to minimise asbestos contamination risks for workers and the surrounding community.
- Practical guidance on making-safe procedures for fire-damaged asbestos buildings.
- Recommendations for safe deconstruction and removal techniques tailored to the New Zealand context.
- Consideration of international best practices adapted to suit the unique challenges and requirements of the New Zealand environment.

The release of these guidelines underscores the NZDAA's commitment to promoting industry best practices and ensuring the highest standards of safety and compliance in the demolition and asbestos sectors. By providing clear and actionable guidance, the NZDAA aims to support stakeholders in effectively managing the complexities of fire-damaged asbestos structures while prioritising the well-being of all involved parties.

For more information and to access the Guidelines for Fire Damaged Asbestos Buildings, visit the NZDAA website at www.nzdaa.com

About the NZDAA: The New Zealand Demolition and Asbestos Association (NZDAA) is the leading industry body representing professionals in the demolition and asbestos sectors within New Zealand. Committed to promoting excellence, safety, and sustainability, the NZDAA provides resources, guidance, and advocacy to support its members in delivering high-quality services while upholding the highest standards of safety and compliance.

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