

Collecting a sample for asbestos identification

Step 1 – Basic safety precautions

Please read the information given in *Fact Sheet 2: Safe practices for homeowners repairing or removing small amounts of asbestos materials*

<https://asbestosawareness.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Fact-Sheet-2-Detailed-Asbestos-Management-1.pdf>

Step 2 – Preparation for sampling

- Clear the area.
- Minimise air movement. Turn off fans and air conditioning when sampling indoors or sample outdoors on a still day.
- Collect equipment:
 - Plastic drop sheet, water spray bottle, pliers, wet wipes, resealable plastic bags, PVA glue, tape
 - Personal Protection Equipment (PPE): Disposable coveralls, disposable gloves, P2 respirator or face mask, safety glasses.



Step 3 – Taking the sample

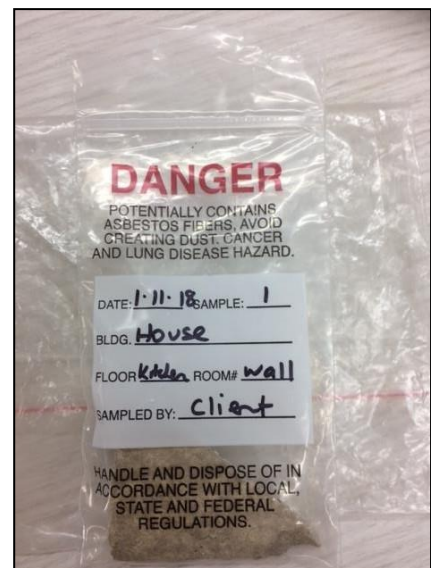
- Put on the PPE
- Lay down a plastic drop sheet under the sampling area.
- Spray a fine mist of water onto the area to be sampled.
- Protect the inside edges of the pliers with a wet wipe before cutting a fifty-cent piece size sample of cement sheeting or palm size sample of vinyl flooring to the full depth of the material, where possible.
- Place the sample in a resealable bag and seal. Place this inside a second bag labelled with your name, date, the address and location from where the sample was taken (e.g. kitchen wall, ceiling cavity, etc.). Unbagged samples will not be accepted.

Step 4 – Clean up

- Seal the sampled area by brushing on PVA glue or a patch of duct tape.
- Contain all dust created by carefully folding up the drop sheet and wipe down tools with a damp cloth
- Place waste in a large garbage bag with the used PPE. Seal the bag with duct tape and dispose of as asbestos waste to a licensed facility.
- Wash hands and face.

Step 5 – Dispatch the sample

- Post the sample including your name, address, email address and contact phone number to:
Barnson Pty Ltd, 9 Cameron Place, Orange NSW 2800
- Alternatively, deliver to Barnson offices at:
9 Cameron Place, Orange NSW 2800
1/1 Rankin Street, Bathurst NSW 2795
- Unbagged samples will not be accepted.
- To speak to an asbestos assessor, please call 1300 227 676.



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