

1. Purpose

An emergency could be described as any event, which is not a daily occurrence, which arises internally or from external sources, and may adversely affect staff, or the community and requires immediate response.

This plan was created by Darwin Asbestos & Demolition (DAD) Management in order to minimise the risks to the general public should an incident occur during the transport of asbestos waste, with the aim of:

- Protection of human life;
- Minimising the impact of emergencies on the general public and staff;
- Minimising damage to property;
- Controlling and preventing the release of asbestos material;
- Continuity of operations.

This plan is applicable to all vehicles operated by DAD for the purpose of transporting asbestos waste. This Plan is tested on an annual basis to ascertain the personnel readiness in managing emergencies.

2. Driver Responsibilities

The transport Driver is responsible for responding and managing any emergency associated with the transport of asbestos waste. The Driver should be competent to undertake the position.

On becoming aware of an emergency, the Driver will:

- a) Find out the nature and location of the emergency and determine appropriate action;
- b) Ensure appropriate emergency service/s have been notified;
- c) Utilise the vehicle spill kit to ensure containment of any asbestos material, erecting barriers (flagging), signage, repairing breaches, and wetting down exposed material;
- d) Ensure any action taken is recorded in an incident report;
- e) Brief arriving emergency service/s personnel on the type, scope, location and status of the emergency, and action taken; and
- f) Act on emergency services officers' instructions.

3. Emergency Response Event

Events likely to require emergency response during asbestos material transport include but are not limited to:

- Vehicle collision or rollover;
- Unexpected breach of plastic lining.

4. Spills and Breaches

Where suspected spills or damage to plastic linings (breaches) have occurred to asbestos material the following is to be implemented:

- If the Driver is free of injuries, and other hazards, immediately report the incident;
- Don P2 mask and disposable coveralls;
- Setup containment using flagging and signage in the spill/containment kit;
- Wet down any exposed material to prevent airborne release of asbestos fibre;
- Where practical, carry out repairs to plastic linings using fabric tape/plastic.

- Collect and seal, using asbestos bags and spilt asbestos material;
- Await for further assistance if required.
- Report the incident to EPA.

5. Medical Emergency

In the event of a medical emergency:

- Stay calm and call for medical assistance and Ambulance on 000 as soon as possible;
- Check for danger to yourself and the victim;
- Never move an injured or seriously ill person unless necessary to prevent further injury - get emergency aid to the person;
- Report all injuries to your supervisor immediately, no matter how minor.
- Do not administer first aid unless you are a qualified First Aider.

6. Calling Emergency Services

- Speak clearly and slowly
- Ask for ambulance, fire or police or all of them
- Give your name and location of the accident
- Give details of injuries and the number of injured people
- Describe what is being done
- Listen to the instructions

7. Mandatory equipment

DAD Vehicle's utilised for the transport of asbestos waste must have a spill/containment kit in the vehicle. The spill/containment kit should contain the following equipment:

- 50m roll of flagging
- Water spray bottle
- Disposable P2 mask (10 off)
- Disposable coverall suit (2 off)
- Warning sign 'Asbestos Material' (2 off)
- Plastic Asbestos bags (5 off)
- Duct tape (1 roll)
- Fabric tape (2 rolls)
- Vehicle first air kit