



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS – ASBESTOS

Approved by:

Diocesan Council
The Perth Diocesan Trustees

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1 PREAMBLE

The Diocese, supported by the Diocese Property Asset Manager, is committed to working with Parishes in the long term toward an asbestos free environment.

It is recognized that the management of in-situ asbestos products can be a complex and multifaceted challenge. This Health and Safety Policy has been developed to give guidance to the Parishes on how to deal with a situation where there has been an identification of a possible exposure to asbestos on their sites.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the Property Policy (Policy 6) sub-policy Asbestos Policy (Policy 6.8).

2 RESPONSIBILITIES

In relation to asbestos, the Diocese aims to support all church workers to comply with their obligations under several Acts and Regulations for the State of Western Australian and also national codes, and/or the Statutes and Policies of the Diocese.

2.1 Role of individuals:

All church workers and contractors are to refer to this policy if they believe any material on sites used by members of the Diocese contains asbestos.

If a person believes any material contains asbestos, and it is their understanding the fibres are unstable or could become airborne, they are to safely remove themselves and others from the perceived danger and immediately alert the 'most senior person' on the site.

2.2 Role of most senior person on the site at the time:

The 'most senior person' on the site is to review the situation immediately, and without placing themselves or others in the position where asbestos dust or fibres may be inhaled. As far as practicable, they are to isolate the area where the dust is and/or fibres are (including where asbestos dust or fibres may be blown). Once people are safe contact the relevant site clergy and warden.

2.3 Role of clergy and warden:

Follow the instructions for the 'most senior person' above. After securing of the area the site clergy or warden are to call the Diocese Property Asset Manager (Mesh) for advice.

2.4 Role of the Diocesan management:

To assist Parishes meet their obligations, the Diocese is responsible for:

- a Providing resourcing;
- b Policies and procedures;
- c Support, guidance, and direction for Parishes;
- d Working with the Diocese Property Asset Manager (Mesh) on all aspects of asbestos management;

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- e Receiving and processing Hazard and Incident Reports and Property Inspection Reports;
- f Assisting in the identification and implementation of controls.