

# Asbestos – know the risks

The latest HSE figures indicate over 5,000 asbestos related deaths per year which include asbestosis, lung cancers and mesothelioma. These are expected to continue at current levels for the remainder of the decade.

The Control of Asbestos Regulations states that an employer has a duty not to allow its employees to be exposed to asbestos anywhere they work. In addition, they also state that responsible persons must meet the requirements outlined under these regulations.

Those responsible must identify the type, location, extent and the condition of asbestos containing materials (ACMs) within non-domestic premises, then following this, all ACMs must be removed or managed to prevent exposure to anyone.

## So do you know the risks?

Here at Sweco we have a structured process of making sure all employees have the appropriate asbestos awareness training, understanding the requirements of asbestos

surveys as well as having the support and consultation in the aim of preventing exposure to asbestos.

Our dedicated asbestos team provide asbestos consultation, asbestos management and surveys enabling those responsible to meet the requirements of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012.

So, prior to any works or investigations, ask yourself...

- Have I been provided with a suitably correct asbestos survey report or register?
- Is the information provided relevant to my work?
- Do I know of any existing asbestos containing materials?
- Could my work activity disturb any ACMs?
- Or could my work activity create any dust from an ACM?

## For further information and training:

- [HSE duty to manage regulations](#)
- For advice relating to asbestos surveys/asbestos management, contact [john.wootton@sweco.co.uk](mailto:john.wootton@sweco.co.uk)
- To book approved UKATA asbestos awareness training [click here](#)

