Department of State Health Services

Demolition of Buildings

Is the building a single family dwelling or an apartment complex of 4 or less units, and it will continue to be used as a residence or apartment complex of 4 or less units?

YES
Exempt from all regulations, except OSHA.

NO
Regulated by the Texas Asbestos Health Protection Act (TAHPR) and/or National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP).
An asbestos survey must be performed prior to demolition to identify the presence of Asbestos Containing Building Material (ACBM).

Is building a public building?

YES
Survey must be performed in accordance with TAHPR by a DSHS Licensed Inspector.

NO
Survey must be performed by an inspector with current training from an EPA approved inspector’s course.

Is regulated asbestos containing material (RACM) above the 160 square feet, 260 linear feet or 35 cubic feet threshold?

YES
Submit notification to DSHS a minimum of 10 working days prior to the removal of the RACM.

NO
Submit notification to DSHS a minimum of 10 working days prior to the Demolition start date.

RACM must be removed by a DSHS Licensed Contractor prior to demolition.

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RACM must be removed prior to demolition.

NESHAP trained person must be on site during removal.