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| Asbestos Labelling Guidelines |

## Purpose/Objectives

Provide direction regarding the use of asbestos labels and their location

## Scope/Application

This Guideline applies to:

* The location of Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) labels organized by the Asbestos Coordinator
* Any contractor, Occupational Hygienist or other qualified person engaged by the Asbestos Coordinator to locate ACM labels.
* Any location or item of equipment where ACM may be present but fully sealed.

## Guidelines

Asbestos labels are to be used wherever the description of the warning label clearly and accurately describes the location of the ACM.

ACM labels are to be applied or reapplied by the Occupational Hygienist during Asbestos register review and update or when directed by the Asbestos Coordinator by a nominated suitably qualified person.

Arrow labels are to be used to clearly define the location of the ACM to minimise misinterpretation of the ACM labels.

| ***Label*** | ***Instructions*** |
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| *90mm high, 40 mm wide*  ***For outdoor applications: Shall be plastic and affixed using silicon sealant or similar material*** | **Criteria**  For accessible surfaces where ACMs are definitely present from testing.  Equipment and fire doors where ACMs are located in gasket, seals or internal insulating material.  Fire doors and plant equipment.  **Indoor Locations: Vinyl Stickers – Self Adhesive**  Walls: 2 metres above floor level or where reasonably practicable and one adjacent to the room light switch closest to the main room entry point.  Floor: As close as practicable to ACM floor surface with arrows pointing down and one adjacent to the room light switch closest to the main room entry point with a down arrow.  Ceilings: Directly on ACM ceiling surface at the join with the wall (if reasonably practicable) or  Walls adjacent to the ACM ceiling surface near the join with the ACM ceiling surface.  Fire doors: On **both** sides of the door near the door handle. On hinged side of door edge. Or at top corner of door.  Pumps, seals or brakes on lifts: Nearest readily accessible location. – Use cable ties on pipework where heat may cause sticker to peel off or alternatively use the plastic labels.  **Outdoor Locations: Plastic Labels affixed by silicon sealant or similar material**.  Roof: At entry point to roof as close as possible to the ACM roof surface. On the wall adjacent to the ACM roof surface near the join with the ACM roof surface.  Outdoor Walls or Fixtures: 1 metre above ground level and at intervals of at least 5 meters horizontal metres.  **Frequency**  At least one label on each surface with ACM present and an additional label at minimum of 5 horizontal metre centres thereafter. |
| *Y:\P&C\OH&S SYSTEMS SERVICES\DG HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES\Asbestos\Vic Uni General\Asbestos signs and labels\Single Deemed Label.jpg*  *90mm high, 40 mm wide* | **Criteria**  For fully sealed equipment where the insulation or internal material is not readily accessible and no testing has been carried out.  For accessible surfaces that have not been tested but are assumed to contain asbestos.  Or, where damage to the equipment would be required to collect a sample.  **Location**  On outer side of door or equipment item.  **Frequency**  Where practicable one on each side of equipment item. Otherwise at least one.  Outdoor Equipment : Use label suitable for outdoors |
| *Directional Arrow labels*    *40mm x 35mm each – Set of 4 –* | **Criteria**  Additional labels to clearly indicate location of the ACM with the arrow point.  **Location**  Used where it is not reasonably practicable to locate the label directly on the ACM.  Locating the label on adjacent nearby surface may be ambiguous or misleading*.* |

## References

**Victoria University Procedure: - Health, Safety and Wellbeing**

• [Asbestos Management Procedure](https://policy.vu.edu.au/view.current.php?id=00356)

**Victoria University Facilities Procedure**

• [Asbestos Management – Removal and Renovation Procedure](https://kit.vu.edu.au/team/hsw/Asbestos/Asbestos_Mangement_Procedure-Removal%20and%20Renovation.docx?Web=1) –

* Asbestos removal flowchart

<http://intranet.vu.edu.au/AsbestosRegisters/Files/Asbestos_Removal_Flowchart.pdf>

## Audience

Key stakeholders who may be assisted by this guideline include the Asbestos Co- coordinator, Asbestos Consultant, Environmental Hygienist, Contracted Maintenance Provider, any contractors who may be working on or near asbestos containing materials.

## Guideline Control

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