



Parish Dental Practice Policy: Asbestos Management

Policy Statement:

Parish Dental is committed to ensuring a safe environment free from health risks associated with asbestos. This policy outlines the procedures for managing and controlling asbestos within the practice premises, in compliance with health and safety legislation and guidelines.

Objective:

To prevent exposure to asbestos fibers and ensure the health and safety of all staff, patients, and visitors at Parish Dental.

Scope:

This policy applies to all areas of Parish Dental's premises and is relevant to all staff, contractors, patients, and visitors.

Definitions:

- **Asbestos:** A group of minerals composed of microscopic fibers that can be harmful if inhaled.
- **Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM):** Any material or product that contains asbestos.

Procedures:

1. Risk Assessment and Management Plan:

- Conduct a thorough asbestos survey to identify any ACMs within the premises.
- Develop an Asbestos Management Plan, detailing how identified asbestos will be managed and controlled.

2. Training and Awareness:

- Provide training for staff on asbestos awareness, including identification, risks, and procedures to follow if ACM is suspected or found.
- Regularly update training to reflect current regulations and guidelines.

3. Control Measures:

- Ensure that any identified ACMs are either safely removed by licensed professionals or encapsulated and labeled.





- Restrict access to areas where asbestos is present and ensure proper signage.

4. **Handling and Disposal:**

- Establish procedures for the safe handling and disposal of asbestos, in accordance with legal and environmental regulations.
- Use licensed contractors for any removal or major works involving ACM.

5. **Emergency Procedures:**

- Develop and communicate procedures for dealing with accidental disturbance of ACMs, including evacuation and exposure management.

6. **Record Keeping:**

- Maintain records of the presence of asbestos, asbestos surveys, training provided, and any asbestos removal or encapsulation work.

7. **Health Monitoring:**

- Implement health monitoring for staff potentially exposed to asbestos as part of their work.

8. **Review and Audit:**

- Regularly review and audit the Asbestos Management Plan and procedures to ensure ongoing compliance and effectiveness.

Responsibility:

The practice manager is responsible for the implementation and regular review of this policy. All staff are required to comply with this policy and cooperate with any measures put in place for the management of asbestos.

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