

Asbestos

Is your load legal?

Asbestos is a hazardous material that needs to be handled properly to minimise health risks. Even a small number of loose asbestos fibres can cause deadly lung disease.

There are strict rules for asbestos disposal:

- Asbestos must be separated for disposal.
- Asbestos must be wrapped or contained to prevent asbestos fibres escaping during transport.
- Asbestos material must be labelled with the words '**Caution Asbestos**' in letters at least five centimetres high.

Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004 – Penalty up to \$5000

- Asbestos must be disposed of at a specially licensed landfill or waste depot.

Environmental Protection Act 1986

- You must inform the operator of the disposal site if your load contains asbestos.

Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1992 – Penalty up to \$1000

For more information contact the Department of Health on **(08) 9388 4999** or the Department of Environment and Conservation **(08) 6467 5359**.



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