

# [Asbestos Policy

## INTRODUCTION

Balloo Hire Centres is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of those who may be affected by its acts or omissions and recognises its responsibilities under the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2005 and will take account of all related Approved Codes of Practice and Guidance.

Within this policy asbestos refers to any fibrous form of:

**Crocidolite — blue asbestos**  
**Amosite — brown asbestos**  
**Chrysotile — white asbestos**  
**Anthophyllite**  
**Tremolite**  
**Actinolite**

And any mixture which contains one or more of the above.

The presence of asbestos containing materials (ACMs) does not in itself constitute a danger. However, it is hazardous when disturbed or damaged and must be treated accordingly. Activities which give rise to airborne dust, e.g. abrasion, breaking, sawing, cutting, drilling or machining ACM's, are most likely to present risks. Staff and contractors not trained to work with asbestos are not expected to work with or be exposed to asbestos on Company sites.

## ASBESTOS POLICY STATEMENT

### The Company will:

- produce an asbestos procedure including the implementation of an effective asbestos containing materials management plan so that appropriate measures, such as monitoring, encapsulation, sealing, labelling, inspection or removal of the material are undertaken;
- periodically review this policy and the procedures in the light of any legal changes, further information or incidents;
- produce and maintain an ACM register for each of its locations and make this available to interested parties and those who may be brought into contact with asbestos as part of their activities;
- promote awareness of the hazards of asbestos and the management procedures through information and training;
- prevent exposure to hazards associated with asbestos.

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy and the management of asbestos is taken by the Health & Safety Manager reporting directly to the Managing Director, as signed below.

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