

Asbestos Frequently Asked Questions

Q: “But I’m disturbing less than 100 Square Feet of asbestos...”

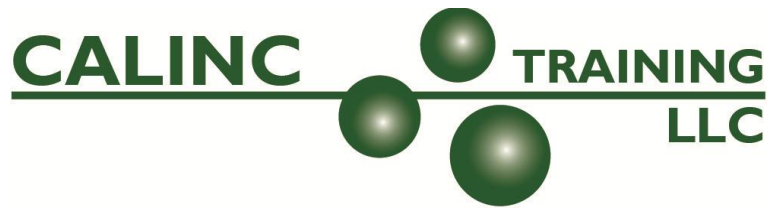
A: There are parallel regulations that still apply. 100 Sq. Ft. pops up a couple of places in regulations.

- Title 8 CCR 1529 (q), the definition of asbestos consulting, indicates CAC certifications are required if work is greater than 100 Sq. Ft.
- Title 8 CCR 1520 (r)(2), a contractor must register with DOSH if the work being performed is greater than 100 Sq. Ft.
- AQMD’s throughout the state require notification of RACM (Regulated Asbestos Containing Material) if performed is greater than 100 Sq. Ft.

In accordance with Title 8 1529 (k)(9)(C), and despite the above mentioned requirements, Class I and Class II asbestos training may still apply, even if the work is **LESS than 100 Sq. Ft.**

Q: “My asbestos lab results came back and indicates the building component we will be working on is less than 1% so OSHA doesn’t apply...”

A: Title 8 CCR (a)(1) states that “...this section (regulation) regulates asbestos exposure in all construction work...” This has been interpreted as any detectable amount of asbestos. Thus, if a lab report indicates building components contain less than 1% or trace of asbestos, it still indicates the presence of asbestos, therefore worker protection standards still apply including, PPE and training.



Q: “I understand that a contractor can take up to 12 asbestos samples to: 1. Obtain asbestos information to bid, 2. Obtain information for worker protection purposes, 3. To determine whether or not a contract for asbestos abatement has been satisfactorily completed.”

A: In accordance with the Business and Professions Code Section 7180(b) a licensed contractor or a registered asbestos abatement contractor can take NO MORE THAN 12 bulk samples for the above mentioned purposes. This requirement applies ONLY ON RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS. Many contractors have felt this applied to any situation. Bulk samples for evaluation purposes must be taken by asbestos Certified Site Surveillance Technicians working under a CAC.