

OSHA WORK CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

In order to protect workers and building tenants, OSHA regulates asbestos exposure in all work as defined in 29 CFR 1910.12(b). Asbestos work is broken down into the following classes:

Class I asbestos work means activities involving the removal of Thermal System Insulation (TSI), surfacing Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM), and Presumed Asbestos Containing Materials (PACM).

Class II asbestos work means activities involving the removal of ACM which is not thermal system insulation or surfacing material. This includes, but is not limited to, the removal of asbestos containing wallboard, floor tile and sheeting, roofing and siding shingles, and construction mastics.

Class III asbestos work means repair and maintenance operations, where ACM, including TSI and surfacing ACM and PACM, are likely to be disturbed.

Class IV asbestos work means maintenance and custodial activities during which employees contact but do not disturb ACM or PACM and activities to clean up dust, waste, and debris resulting from Class I, II, and III activities.