

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## RENOVATION PROJECTS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Permits & Inspections Department  
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This bulletin outlines WorkSafeBC and the District of West Vancouver's hazardous materials (hazmat) requirements. These requirements must be met to obtain renovation permits and inspections. For any additional information please contact [hazmat@westvancouver.ca](mailto:hazmat@westvancouver.ca)

### General Information

Property owners and contractors working for a property owner must ensure WorkSafeBC regulations are followed. Hazardous materials that will be disturbed during construction must be identified, abated, and properly disposed of. A full list of hazardous materials can be found on the WorkSafeBC website. WorkSafeBC requires:

- A **licensed asbestos surveyor** (qualified person) to conduct a hazmat survey; and
- A **licensed asbestos abatement contractor** to perform abatement when required.

Asbestos and lead are regulated hazardous materials and abatement should be handled by a qualified person. Licensing can be verified through the Asbestos Abatement Licence Registry at [worksafebc.com](http://worksafebc.com).

### District of West Vancouver Permit and Inspection Requirements for Renovations

The District of West Vancouver requires a hazmat survey prior to permit issuance and a clearance letter for the abatement of both **asbestos and lead** prior to the first inspection.

#### 1. Hazmat Survey – Required Prior to Permit Issuance

A hazmat survey is mandatory for renovations in all buildings constructed prior to **1990**.

The survey must be:

- Prepared by a licensed asbestos surveyor (qualified person).
- Submitted to the Document Upload Centre for approval.

#### 2. Abatement – After Permit Issuance Only

If the hazmat survey identifies hazardous materials, abatement may only proceed **after** a demolition, building, or trade permit is issued. Abatement before permit issuance is considered work without permit and will result in a Stop Work Order, fines, and other escalated enforcements.

#### 3. Clearance Letter – Required Prior to Booking Inspections

If **asbestos or lead** is identified in the hazmat survey, a clearance letter is required before the first inspection is booked. The clearance letter must:

- Be issued by a licensed asbestos abatement contractor or licensed asbestos surveyor.
- Include a final air clearance test if high-risk abatement is required.
- Be submitted to [hazmat@westvancouver.ca](mailto:hazmat@westvancouver.ca) for approval.