



DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS

In Italy, asbestos was banned by law no. 257/1992, however, still today it produces serious health and environmental problems. The remediation of contaminated sites plays a strategic role in territorial planning on a national and local scale.

The employer who intends to carry out work on a site is required to check in advance for the presence of asbestos before carrying out the planned work.

A specific assessment of the risks associated with this presence is required in order to establish the degree of exposure and the preventive and protective measures to be implemented. Furthermore, **the demolition and removal of asbestos can only be carried out by persons enrolled in the register of companies that carry out the remediation of materials containing asbestos pursuant to Article 212 of Legislative Decree no.152 / 2006.**

The employer must prepare in advance, before the start of demolition or removal of asbestos of MCA from buildings, structures, equipment, systems or means of transport, a work plan containing the measures to be taken to ensure the health of workers and environmental protection; this plan must be sent to the supervisory body 30 days before the start of the works. If the supervisory body does not issue an operational prescription, the employer can carry out the work.

Workers must always use personal respiratory protection devices with an adequate protection factor.

The asbestos removal and disposal procedure can only be carried out by specialized companies that must:

- prepare and send the necessary documentation to the supervisory body to obtain the authorizations;
- encapsulate the material with specific products;
- reclaim the surrounding surfaces;
- remove the material containing asbestos;
- definitively dispose of the material in an authorized center.

Airbank offers some specific items for the disposal of materials containing asbestos, such as special approved big bags bearing the pictograms for this particular type of waste. These are big bags to be used as a second container for packaging waste containing asbestos pursuant to Ministerial Decree 6 September 1994.