

Before you start sampling

Check your surroundings:

- Ensure that nobody is in the vicinity when sampling is performed
- Reduce the spread of fibres by shutting down any heating or cooling units such as fans or air conditioners

Equipment you will need:

- P2 respirator
- Rubber gloves
- Pliers/chisel
- Resealable plastic bags
- Waterproof sealant
- Plastic drop sheet
- Wet wipes

Taking the sample

Step 1 — Put on your personal protective equipment (PPE) (gloves, P2 respirator).

Step 2 — Lay down a plastic drop sheet to catch any loose material that may fall as a result of sampling.

Step 3 — Wet the desired sampling area with wet wipes or a spray bottle.

Step 4 — Carefully cut a small piece (about the size of a thumb nail) from the area using the pliers/chisel. For sampling fibre cement sheet or similar materials it may be easier to sample along an edge or in an existing crack to minimise potential mess from penetrating the material.

****DO NOT USE POWER TOOLS TO SAMPLE AS THIS CAN SPREAD FIBRES AND POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATE THE AREA****

Step 5 — Place the sampled material into a resealable plastic bag and make a note of the location and room it was taken from (eg. Kitchen ceiling). Double bag the sample and make sure that any bags do not have dust or material on the outside by cleaning with wet wipes.

Cleaning up

Remember the following things when cleaning up:

- Seal the edges of the area where sampling occurred with waterproof sealant (no more gaps, polyfilla)
- Carefully wrap up the plastic drop sheet with tape and place into another waste bag
- Wipe down tools and equipment with wet wipes
- Place disposable gloves, wipes and disposable equipment (including respirator) into a waste bag and seal
- Keep respiratory protection on during this process until clean up complete
- Wash hands and face wash upon completion



****DO NOT USE A VACUUM CLEANER FOR ANY PART OF THE CLEAN UP OR SAMPLING PROCESS AS THIS WILL COMPROMISE THE UNIT AND CAN CONTAMINATE THE AREA UPON FUTURE USES****

For further enquiries

If you have any additional questions regarding the sampling process or any other asbestos related queries, please don't hesitate to contact Hazsure Consultants.