

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT ASSISTANT

DEFINITION

Assists in the repair, removal, disposal, or encapsulation of asbestos-containing building materials.

TYPICAL DUTIES

- Seals off work areas, washes or vacuums surfaces, secures plastic sheets to walls and floor, covers equipment with plastic sheets, and mops up or picks up debris.
- Builds a three-phase decontamination chamber consisting of a clean room with suits and towels, a shower chamber, and a storage area for contaminated equipment.
- Sets up an air filtration unit, which filters asbestos out of the air and decontaminates the unit after the work is completed.
- Assists in the repair, removal, or encapsulation of insulation and building materials that contain asbestos.
- Performs heavy labor, such as carrying, moving, and delivering equipment, machinery, building supplies, and bags of debris.
- Performs minor maintenance or repairs on equipment.
- Uses common hand tools and operates simple power tools related to asbestos abatement, such as pneumatic tools, saws, drills, and other items.
- May operate vehicles such as trucks, with or without trailers, and lifts.
- Performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS AMONG RELATED CLASSES

An Asbestos Abatement Assistant assists in the repair, removal, disposal, or encapsulation of asbestos-containing building materials and sets up, cleans, and disassembles equipment.

An Insulator/Asbestos Abatement Worker abates asbestos-containing building materials and installs, alters, and replaces other insulation on pipes, tanks, ducts, and other equipment.

A Maintenance Worker performs a variety of tasks to assist with the maintenance and repair of school buildings, equipment, appliances, or grounds, including moving, installing, repairing, and maintaining of school and office furniture and equipment.

SUPERVISION

Supervision is received from the Asbestos Abatement Supervisor. Functional supervision over work procedures may be received from Senior Insulator/Asbestos Abatement Workers and Insulator/Asbestos Abatement Workers. No supervision is exercised.

CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Methods for lifting and moving heavy objects
- Common safety practices in equipment handling and the use of manual and power tools
- Safety practices and regulations pertaining to asbestos abatement work

Ability to:

Recognize conditions that are safety hazards or require the attention of skilled craft personnel

Special Physical Requirements:

Ability to crawl under buildings and in tunnels

Ability to stand, walk, bend, crawl, reach overhead, crouch, kneel, balance, push, pull, and lift up to 100 lbs

Ability to work safely at heights including the use of ladders, scaffolds, and other related equipment

Ability to work safely in confined spaces

Ability to do physical work under conditions involving temperature extremes

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Graduation from high school or evidence of equivalent educational proficiency.

Experience:

Six months of experience involving maintenance and/or repair of buildings, equipment, appliances, or grounds, using hand and small power tools, or moving and installing equipment or furniture. Completion of the AHERA Worker accreditation course may substitute for the required experience.

Special:

A valid California Driver License.

Use of an automobile.

A commercial driver license with HazMat Endorsement may be required for some positions.

SPECIAL NOTES

1. Completion of an AHERA Contractor/Supervisors accreditation course during the probationary period.
2. Requires wearing a negative pressure respirator.
2. Prior to employment, all successful candidates will be required to pass an asbestos medical examination in compliance with the General Industry Safety Orders of the California Administrative Codes.
3. Employees in these positions are subject to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regulations for drug and alcohol testing as required by the Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act of 1991.

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions, responsibilities or requirements. Entrance requirements are representative of the minimum level of knowledge, skill and/or abilities. To the extent permitted by the law, management retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of the position at any time, as long as such addition or change is reasonably related to existing duties.

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