




WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN IMMINENT HAZARD IS FOUND?

Asbestos becomes an imminent hazard when it has been crushed or damaged in a way that releases fibers into the air which can then be inhaled or swallowed.

When an imminent hazard is identified in a school we:

-  **STEP 1** | **CONTAIN THE AREA WITHIN 24 HOURS** by locking doors and installing physical barriers that restrict access
-  **STEP 2** | **DEVELOP THE PLAN** to repair or remove the damaged asbestos.
-  **STEP 3** | **COMMUNICATE** to ensure that school staff and families are informed of the imminent hazard, the plan to fix it and what they can expect
-  **STEP 4** | **REPAIR OR REMOVE** all damaged asbestos
-  **STEP 5** | **TEST** the air quality. If the results are unfavorable, re-evaluation and re-testing occurs until the results are favorable. Results should meet EPA and City standards for occupancy
-  **STEP 6** | **COMMUNICATE** with school, staff and families to share test results and any next steps.