

# Safe work practices

## Working with asbestos

### FACT SHEET

### Unitywater's commitment

Our commitment to our customers is to safely provide water and sewerage services that continuously meet the needs of our growing communities.

Performing essential construction and maintenance works to ensure our networks are kept in a safe operating condition may involve handling material that contains Class B bonded asbestos. This class of asbestos does not pose a health risk to residents in proximity to our work sites.

In all our work with asbestos we comply with the compulsory safe work practices as set out by Workplace Health and Safety Queensland.

### Protecting our community

We are committed to doing all that is reasonably practicable to eliminate or minimise risk for our workers and the community while maintaining our infrastructure in instances that involve asbestos. We:

- Establish an exclusion zone with a barrier around the asbestos removal area to prevent unauthorised entry;
- Erect appropriate signage on site; and
- Follow Queensland's Workplace Health and Safety Codes of Practice.

### Contact us

- Visit [www.unitywater.com](http://www.unitywater.com)
- Email [ask.us@unitywater.com](mailto:ask.us@unitywater.com)
- Phone Unitywater's Customer Service Centre on **1 300 0 UNITY** (1 300 086 489) from a landline for the cost of a local call. Standard mobile phone call charges apply.

### Safe work practices

Unitywater is fully compliant with Queensland's workplace health and safety laws for the handling of asbestos.

We enforce stringent safe work practices on all of our work sites:

- The Site Supervisor ensures all Occupational Health and Safety systems are in place and must have direct supervision at all times;
- Unitywater is licensed to remove B Class Asbestos and our employees are trained, experienced and follow the relevant safe work practices;
- Before handling any material that contains asbestos, it is thoroughly wetted down;
- The work site is barricaded to isolate it and prevent public access;
- Pipe work containing B Class Asbestos is manually broken up without cutting, to eliminate dust creation;
- All material is placed in the approved wrapping material for disposal; and
- Traffic management plans are implemented where necessary.

### For further information:

- Call the Workplace Health and Safety Infoline on **1300 369 915**
- Visit [www.worksafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au)

