



**BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICE**

**GUIDELINES FOR EMERGENCY ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROJECTS**

Occasionally, situations arise where the delay involved in processing an asbestos abatement project permit presents a serious endangerment to property or the public health. For example, heating system failure in a nursing home. In such instances, work may proceed immediately with verbal approval from the Environmental Health Office. The procedure for receiving such emergency approval is as follows:

1. On the day of the emergency job (or the first business day following the job if it is to be done on a weekend or other day when the Environmental Health Office is closed), you must call the Environmental Health Office at 617-534-5966 and receive an Emergency Asbestos Project Number.
2. To issue the emergency number, the Environmental Health Office will require the following information about the job:
  - Your company's name
  - The name of the person/business for whom you are performing the work
  - The street address of the work site
  - The location within the building where the work is to be done
  - The start and end dates of the job
  - The hours of the day that the workmen will be on-site
  - The DEP sticker number that will be used in notifying for the job
  - The DEP and DLWD emergency waiver numbers
3. The Environmental Health Office will then give you an emergency number over the telephone. You may now begin work on the emergency project if it has not already begun. Please keep this number with the rest of your paperwork at the job site in case it is needed.
4. Write the Emergency Number prominently on the top of the first page of the Environmental Health Office application and submit the application along with the appropriate permit fee to obtain a permit for the emergency job. This application must be mailed to the Environmental Health Office on the first business following initiation of the emergency project.