Tool Box Talk

Asbestos
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Why a talk on asbestos

• Because it’s a killer!
• Each year at least 20 times the amount of people die of asbestos related diseases than are fatally injured at work.
• The main types of occupations currently most affected by asbestos tend to be plumbers, electricians and the like – as these drill into the structure of buildings that releases asbestos – this is then inhaled.
• Because there’s still a lot of it about in industrial situations
Current Controls

- Every Brett site must have had an asbestos survey carried out by specialists
- These specialists make recommendations that should be followed
- Each site must have an asbestos management plan that details how any asbestos on site is controlled – all asbestos should be labelled
What does it mean to me?

• Make sure you know where the asbestos is on your site – look at the survey, or have someone explain it to you. Look out for any labelling.

• Know what the controls are

• Never work near asbestos or an asbestos bearing material if it may be inhaled

• Only specialists should handle asbestos or asbestos bearing materials

• Report anything that you suspect may be asbestos
Look out for any labelling
Summary

- Know your site’s asbestos management plan
- Don’t be fooled by the fact asbestos looks benign – it’s a long-term killer