

**Appendix B**  
**CHAPTER 425**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**Asbestos Regulations**

The Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management regulates the handling of friable asbestos in the State of Maine. It is also regulated by the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Friable asbestos is material containing asbestos that is loose, crumbly, or can otherwise easily give off fibers and non-friable material that is processed and becomes loose or crumbly. Asbestos used on boilers, pipes, and tape on air ducts is friable.

The state certifies individuals and licenses companies that work with asbestos. It also sets standards for handling and disposing of asbestos. Anyone impacting more than three square feet or three linear feet of asbestos must be certified and licensed by the DEP, except that licensed oil burner technicians are exempt from certification and licensing requirements when conducting an emergency repair, installation, removal or servicing of heating equipment in single-family homes. An emergency is defined to include: a sudden, unexpected event that, if not immediately attended to, presents a safety or health hazard; operations necessitated by non-routine failures of equipment or to protect equipment from damage; and actions of fire and emergency medical personnel pursuant to duties within their official capacities. However, the oil burner technicians who are exempt from certification and licensing are still required to comply with all of the notification, handling, and disposal requirements.

For more information about the asbestos regulations, including a list of licensed contractors and disposal facilities, contact:

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| Asbestos Unit, Coordinator                   | 287-2651 |
| Maine Department of Environmental Protection |          |
| Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management   |          |
| 17 State House Station                       |          |
| Augusta, Maine 04333                         |          |

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| Occupational Safety and Health Administration | 622-8417 |
| 40 Western Avenue                             |          |
| Augusta, Maine 04330                          |          |

In addition, the Safety Division of the Maine Bureau of Labor Standards offers free consultations. Contact them at:

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| Safety Division           | 624-6460 |
| Bureau of Labor Standards |          |
| 82 State House Station    |          |
| Augusta, Maine 04333      |          |