

Press Cuttings

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Burglars should beware

In training people how to handle asbestos safely, I see and hear many reports of a lot of unusual cases but police reports from earlier this year of thieves stealing equipment from building sites containing asbestos is a very real warning that asbestos can be found in a host of places and even when labelled as hazardous, it is not stopping people risking their lives by handling it.

As well as cautioning would be thieves never to touch such items, this story is another warning of the unseen hazards present on building sites. There is no known cure for diseases caused by asbestos and even the most cold hearted amongst us would hardly hand such a thief a death sentence and there is still a problem with children finding building sites attractive places to play.

For anyone, thief or other-

wise who suspects they may have come into contact with asbestos, our advice would be to seek medical advice and if you have stolen the substance, report where you have left it to the police so no one else comes into contact with it and the asbestos can be safely disposed of. People need to understand that asbestos remains the biggest cause of work related deaths in the UK and this hidden killer must only be handled by people trained to do so safely.

If in any doubt, experts will be able to advise on the appropriate action. Nichol Associates has spent years training and advising organisations throughout the country on such matters. Visit us at www.nicholassociates.co.uk for further information.

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