

Asbestos: Cutting Transite Pipe

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When cutting transite pipe, you may be exposed to asbestos fibers. Follow these hazard controls:

1. Take ES&H Course 151 Class II Asbestos Worker within the last 12 months.
2. Contact the asbestos program manager (ext. 4105) to coordinate waste management and oversee work.
3. Do not use power tools. The CEF plumbing shop manual tool with a chain roller cutter must be used to break the pipe.
4. Wear gloves.
5. Use water hose to keep cutting surfaces wet during work.
6. If waste is too large to fit into a waste bag, burrito wrap the pipe.
7. Turn waste in to Waste Management.