

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This policy statement outlines how Tower Hamlets Community Housing (THCH) will manage the risk posed by asbestos containing materials (ACMs) and materials presumed to contain asbestos at premises owned, managed, or controlled by THCH.

- THCH will aim to meet its statutory obligations, chiefly the requirements of the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 and associated Approved Codes of Practice and Guidance Notes produced by the Health and Safety Executive through the implementation of this policy.
- We intend to implement the policy through procedural arrangements laid down in our asbestos management plan and relevant procedures under our safety management system.
- All THCH employees have a duty of care to work in a safe manner and to comply with the policy requirements in relation to their work activities. Third party service providers and contractors are also required to meet certain obligations and responsibilities, as defined by statutory requirements and in this policy, when carrying out activities involving ACMs at THCH premises.
- This policy applies to all parts of our organisation and relevant suppliers to THCH.

We are committed to protecting all tenants, staff, contractors, and visitors from the health risks associated with ACMs in all of our premises.

- We will implement procedures to prevent, in as far as is reasonably practicable, ACMs giving rise to health risks in our premises.
- To achieve and maintain effective management of the risk posed by ACMs, we will comply with the requirements of the Control of Asbestos Regulations (CAR) 2012 and follow supplementary Health and Safety Executive Approved Codes of Practice and Guidance Notes. In achieving compliance our aims are to:
 - Provide safe dwellings and places to work;
 - Comply with statutory obligations;
 - Meet industry best practice where possible.
- Where THCH holds certain duties as 'duty holder', as defined in CAR 2012, any premises constructed prior to 2000 will be assessed for ACMs or presumed ACMs and suitable risk assessments will be carried out.
- Findings from these assessments will be recorded in the Asbestos register and where necessary, control and management actions will be taken to manage, remove or treat ACMs in order to eliminate or minimise risk of exposure to asbestos airborne fibres. Details of assessment methodology and options for remedial action will be set out in the Asbestos Management Plan.
- Our re-survey program will be based on risk assessment, taking account of the material found and the likelihood of disturbance.
- No materials containing asbestos will be used for the purposes of re-instatement repair or replacement.
- No employee shall work on or with ACMs.

- Adequate training, instruction and awareness will be provided for employees who need to be involved in the safe management of ACMs. Any other person likely to be at risk from ACMs will be provided with suitable information on the location and associated risk of known ACMs in THCH premises. This includes both contractors and our residents.
- Competent persons will be appointed to provide specialist services to meet the requirements of this policy.
- We will ensure our contractors are suitably competent and have policies, procedures and training in place relating to asbestos management.



Signed: Date:

Chief Executive