



Mechanical Pollution Prevention Asbestos

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Federal Recommendations

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommend that mechanics and technicians working around products with the potential for asbestos:

- Never use compressed air to blow dust off brakes, clutches or surfacing equipment
- Use hand tools instead of power tools, air tools or impact wrenches to reduce air movement
- Use state-of-the art asbestos containment equipment
 - Use wet containment methods only with proper wet method equipment
 - Use approved dry containment or vacuum enclosure methods
 - Use only High Efficiency Particulate Air filtration system (vacuum cleaner) to pick up asbestos dust; regular vacuums do not have filters to control the dust and may actually re-float it in the air
- Never eat, drink or smoke in areas where asbestos is present

