

Yes, asbestos!

If you buy safety clothing for the protection of your workers, you will find this message important. Recent public discussions of the health implications of asbestos dust have led to a number of erroneous and misleading impressions concerning hazards associated with the use of asbestos protective clothing.

The major purpose of the OSHA standards for asbestos is to protect workers from exposure to potentially hazardous dust in their work environment. A new section, 1910.93a, has been added to Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations limiting the permissible air-borne concentration of asbestos fibers to which any employee may be exposed. While these regulations are applicable to all users of asbestos-containing products, it is generally recognized that the problems are most prevalent at the level of the prime producer. That is why Raybestos-Manhattan has invested millions of dollars in equipment through the years to protect its own employees.

Caution labels are not required by OSHA regulations on finished products which effectively entrap asbestos fibers so that they are not released in normal use.

Raybestos-Manhattan manufactures a full line of specially treated or coated asbestos cloth which is sold to producers of protective clothing. Our trade names for these fabrics include NOVATEX, Silvabestos, Tri-Bestos, Polybestos, and Eleven Thirty-Three. Products made from these fabrics need not be labeled.

Employees must be protected against exposure to hot metals, whether from direct contact or from molten splash. In fire fighting and rescue work, and in many industrial jobs, they must be protected against high radiant heat. Under these severe conditions, there is no known material which affords the worker protection equivalent to asbestos. To anyone concerned with the safety of the American worker, the substitution of lesser fabrics could be disastrous.

When buying safety clothing, keep in mind the protective value of asbestos. Each of the specially treated or coated fabrics made by Raybestos-Manhattan is designed for the protection of your workers in hazardous occupations. Ask your supplier for gloves, mitts, or clothing made from Raybestos-Manhattan asbestos fabrics . . . there are none better.

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