

It was observed in Book Preform that accumulated layers of compressed asbestos are allowed to collect on the floors in aisles and at individual machines for prolonged periods of time. In addition, asbestos dust is accumulating on equipment and overheads throughout the area. As previously discussed, a vacuum cleaning program should be implemented to maintain the work area reasonably free of accumulated asbestos fibers. The Rules & Regulations state that a cleaning program should provide for the removal of asbestos fibers before accumulations reach a point where dispersal would create hazardous airborne concentrations.

PERSONAL HYGIENE

As absorption of lead into the system through inhalation and ingestion is enhanced by smoking, the practice should be prohibited in production areas. This recommendation applies particularly to those locations where lead and lead compounds are routinely handled. As a final note, cross sectional studies have disclosed that the incidence of cancer among asbestos workers who smoke is dramatically higher than among the non-smoking population.

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