



# Guidance on Removal of Asbestos

## Artex coating

### 1.0 Introduction

This Guidance Note covers removal of artex coated ceilings containing asbestos.

### 2.0 Guidance

There is no policy of whole scale replacement of artex ceilings e.g. in a capital refurbishment project.

Any decision to remove a whole ceiling that has artex should be made on a location specific basis and only where circumstances are such that the ceiling in question has suffered damage for example: -

- due to burst pipe flooding
- failure of the coating (i.e. flaking off)
- significant cracks or joints opening up.

Where artex is in good condition it should be left and managed.

Where light fittings are being replaced as part of re-wiring there are techniques available where artex surrounding the fitting can be removed by a paste i.e. a partial removal of the coating.

Where asbestos content textured material is confirmed in a house the occupant is to be notified of its presence and the material included in an asbestos management regime. No further action will be necessary other than a regular cyclic inspection.

### 3.0 Further information

The Health and Safety Executive has produced a range of guidance covering other typical tasks for artex and links to the Asbestos essentials web site are provided below;

#### **Working with textured coatings (TC) containing asbestos (non-licensed)**

[A26. Drilling and boring through textured coatings](#)

[A27. Inserting and removing screws through textured coatings](#)

[A28. Removing textured coating from a small area e.g. 1 square metre](#)

[A29. Cleaning up debris following collapse of a ceiling or wall covered with textured coating](#)

