

1. For the removal of the stairs (asbestos flooring on the kitchen stairway – 20 sq. ft.), what qualifications are needed to abate this material?

According to Michigan Occupational Safety & Health Administration (MIOSHA) and Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), an asbestos trained residential builder or residential maintenance/alteration contractor are allowed to remove or encapsulate friable asbestos material without obtaining an asbestos abatement contractor's license provided the job they are performing is incidental to their primary license trade and it does not exceed 260 linear feet or 160 square feet of friable asbestos-containing materials. For this material, the contractor must be trained have at least 8-hour training in topic specific and be supervised by a trained staff member with 12-hour training, topic specific. The flooring material cited in the assessment is non-friable, class II material (flooring), according to MIOSHA. Contact MIOSHA at 800-866-4674 or visit http://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-11407_15333_15369-41734--,00.html for more information.