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## Disposing of wire gauze mats with ceramic centres

Posted by Anonymous on Wed, 2019-02-13 17:29

Disposing of wire gauze mats with ceramic centres: I have some of these and have checked with the supplier in relation to the possibility of containing Tremolite. I have obtained a report from the supplier stating that their mats do not contain Tremolite but at this time there are no accredited NATA procedure to test for Tremolite by scanning electron microscope.

Consequently we would like to dispose of ours and was wondering what the best way is ?

I have bagged them and placed them in the chem store. I hope that you can offer some advice.

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# Wire Gauze mats with ceramic centre

Submitted by sat on 13 February 2019

Reviewed 22 February 2023

Although the likelihood of your mats containing asbestos is extremely low, we understand that you are taking a precautionary approach and are treating them as such.

Firstly, you should check with your school administration to see if they have systems in place for dealing with asbestos waste. If a suitable system is not in place, and you are unsure as to what to do, you can contact your state WHS regulator for advice. You can find your state asbestos regulator at <https://www.asbestossafety.gov.au/importing-advice/safety-alerts-and-rec...>

The background information listed below contains information regarding disposal and states that the waste must be taken to a landfill site licenced to accept asbestos waste. You can find a disposal site near you via the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency (ASEA) website: <https://www.asbestossafety.gov.au/removal-and-disposal/search-disposal-f...>

## Background information: Asbestos in Bunsen Burner Gauze Mats

Following work undertaken by WHS regulators nationally an alert was published on the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency website on 3 December 2018. Links can be found here:

Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, (2018), '*Asbestos in Bunsen Burner Gauze Mats*', Retrieved from the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency website: <https://www.asbestossafety.gov.au/importing-advice/safety-alerts-and-rec...>

## Information on Testing Requirements:

Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, 'Sampling and testing for asbestos', Retrieved (22 February 2023) from the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency website, <https://www.asbestossafety.gov.au/importing-and-exporting-asbestos/sampl...>

Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, (nd), Asbestos free vs no asbestos. Retrieved (22 February 2023) from the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency website: <https://www.asbestossafety.gov.au/importing-advice/asbestos-free-vs-no-a...>

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