



Ohio Revised Code Section 3710.17 Civil liability.

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(A) Where any person is certified or licensed by the director of environmental protection to engage in asbestos hazard abatement or evaluation activity pursuant to this chapter, the liability of that person when performing such activity in accordance with procedures established pursuant to state or federal law for an injury to any individual or property caused or related to this activity shall be limited to acts or omissions of the person during the course of performing the activity which can be shown, based on a preponderance of the evidence, to have been negligent. For the purposes of this section, the demonstration that acts or omissions of a person performing asbestos hazard abatement or evaluation activities were in accordance with generally accepted practice and with procedures established by state or federal law at the time the abatement or evaluation activity was performed creates a rebuttable presumption that the acts or omissions were not negligent.

(B) Where any person contracts with a certified asbestos hazard abatement specialist, asbestos hazard evaluation specialist, or other category of asbestos hazard specialist established by the director of health, or a licensed asbestos hazard abatement contractor, the liability of that person for asbestos-related injuries caused by the person's contractee in the performance of asbestos hazard abatement or evaluation activities shall be limited to those asbestos-related injuries arising from acts which the person knew or could reasonably have been expected to know were not in accordance with generally accepted practice or with procedures established by state or federal law at the time the abatement activity took place.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Revised Code or rules of a court to the contrary, this section governs all claims for asbestos-related injuries arising from asbestos hazard abatement or evaluation activities.
