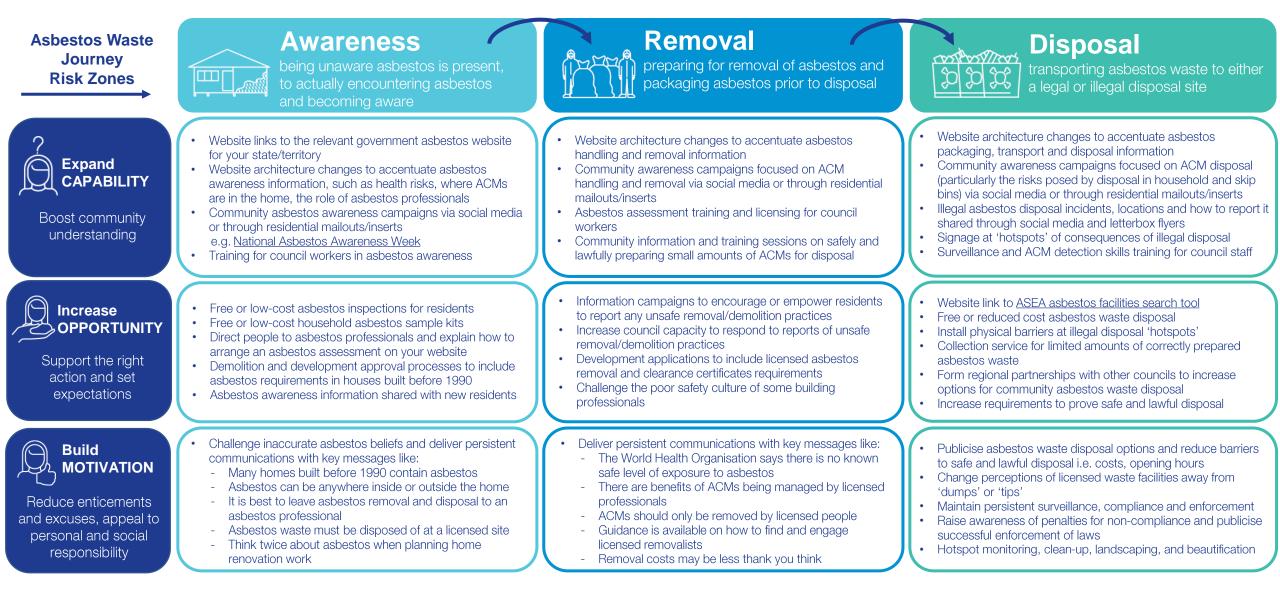
Quick Reference Guide: Actions your council can take on illegal disposal of asbestos



The asbestos waste journey helps councils identify exposure risks by describing how asbestos travels through our communities. Understanding the barriers to safe and lawful disposal in each of the asbestos waste journey risk zones can enable councils to take the right actions at the right time to prevent illegal disposal of asbestos-containing material (ACM).



Quick Reference Guide: Principles for developing actions on illegal disposal of asbestos





There are actions that all councils should take, no matter how small or limited in resources, to prevent illegal disposal of asbestos.



Every action taken at a local level by councils is a positive step in ensuring the health and safety of their workers and the community.

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Small actions can have a big impact Doing nothing is not an option

Build into 'business-as-usual'

of information and guidance on

Councils are expected to be a source



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objectives

Be strategic

Increase the local focus on asbestos



waste journey Different strategies will be effective in different zones



Dedicate human resources to the

Consider all zones of the asbestos

Harness the experience and perspectives of a multidisciplinary team

Consult and share

Seek support from senior management and share knowledge with council colleagues

Be alert to unintended consequences

Consider all potential consequences of actions taken

Address known barriers to behaviour Target the things getting in the way of safe and lawful disposal

Develop a focused strategy with clear



Be consistent and persistent Persisting with strategies will have impact over time

Sometimes people do not always act safely and lawfully when dealing with asbestoscontaining materials (ACMs), due to powerful barriers that aet in the way.

The **COM-B** behavioural change framework helps to identify and understand these barriers:



CAPABILITY barriers exist when people do not have the awareness, knowledge and skills to act safely and lawfully



OPPORTUNITY barriers exist when the physical and social context does not support people to act safely and lawfully

MOTIVATION barriers exist when people are not consciously or unconsciously propelled to act safely and lawfully

Key messages

Ensuring beliefs and actions align

Councils should align their actions with what they believe is effective to combat illegal disposal of asbestos

Prevention is the key

Actions targeting the awareness and removal risk zones earlier in the asbestos waste journey can prevent illegal disposal of asbestos

Benefits of early intervention

Actions focused on surveillance, enforcement and clean-up miss the opportunity to prevent illegal disposal of asbestos happening in the first place



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