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Dear Dee,

Recently the Demolishers Recyclers and Asbestos Contractors Association of Queensland (DRACQA) and the Asbestos Industry Association (AIA) were notified that a local safety supply company specialising in supplying and maintaining asbestos removal equipment, were provided with 2 grinders for cleaning after they had been used in an asbestos removal project.

Items such as grinders are very difficult to clean. They are required to be fully dismantled and cleaned under controlled conditions to ensure they are safe to be used in non-asbestos environments.

This incident has highlighted the need for hire companies to adopt policies, procedures and education to protect their staff and future hirers from potential asbestos exposures.

Discussion with our members has identified the following equipment can be used on asbestos projects:

- Scissor Lift / Boom Lift
- Aluminium Scaffold
- Ladders
- Electric Drills
- Electric Tile Lifters
- Electric Jack Hammers
- Electric Grinders
- Electric Generators
- Petrol Driven Friction Wheel Cutters
- Petrol Driven Generators
- Vacuum Cleaners
- Sweepers
- Tarpaulins.

Please also find attached photographs of various types of equipment where contamination can occur.

Should you have any further queries with respect to the above please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

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