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## ALL ACT MEMBERS

# REMINDER TO MEMBERS - ASBESTOS COMPLIANCE



As members would be aware, in 2007 the ACT Government introduced new laws requiring owners and or controllers of commercial and industrial premises, constructed before 31 December 2003, to undertake processes relating to managing risks associated with Asbestos.

Essentially, the steps involved are:

- Identify and assess – you must engage a **licensed** Asbestos Assessor to review the premises and create a report. However, due to licensing changes, any Asbestos Assessment Report produced prior to 1 July 2006 will not comply with current laws;
- Based on the Assessors report, develop a documented Asbestos Management Plan to ensure all materials containing asbestos are safely managed. The Plan should include an Asbestos register;
- Implement appropriate control measures, if required;
- Involve and inform employees throughout the process; and
- Review your Asbestos Management Plan every five years.

The deadlines for compliance are:

- multi-storey commercial premises– 1 September 2008
- single-storey commercial premises – 1 September 2009
- industrial premises – 1 March 2010

If members have any enquiries, or are having difficulty in any aspect of compliance with the requirements, please contact the *Printing Industries* Employee Relations Department on (02) 8789 7300 or 1800 227 425.

Yours faithfully

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