

Safety Alert



SUBJECT: Second World War Gas Masks

RECIPIENTS: All Schools

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Asbestos: Second World War Gas Masks



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Summary: Gas masks from the Second World War period potentially contain asbestos. The Health and Safety Executive advice is that it does not think it appropriate for children or teachers to wear or handle a gas mask unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the particular mask does not contain asbestos.

Please seek health and safety advice should you have any concerns on this issue.

Action required and due date: To raise awareness of this issue.

If you require further assistance or clarification on the subject please contact:
Further guidance on [asbestos management in schools](#) can be found on the DfE website.