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# Memorandum

**To:** All Housing Providers  
**From:** Shirley Van Steen  
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**Re:** Asbestos

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All housing providers should currently have asbestos management plans that meet the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* as follows:

- Designated Substance – Asbestos, R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 837, and
- Designated Substance – Asbestos on Construction Projects and in Buildings and Repair Operations, R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 838

Effective November 1, 2005 Ontario Regulation 838 was revoked and replaced with the Ontario Regulation 278/05. This new regulation introduced new standards and increased responsibilities for landlords with respect to the definition of asbestos-containing materials, and the classification of certain asbestos procedures for Type 1, 2 and 3 operations.

Housing providers should review and amend their existing asbestos management plans to bring them into compliance with the new regulation effective November 1, 2007.

Ontario Regulation 278/05 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* is attached for your reference and can also be found online at [www.e-laws.gov.on.ca](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca).

If you have any questions please contact your Housing Co-ordinator.

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