



AHERA Alert: Reporting A Fiber Release Episode

There have been some significant changes to the AHERA regulation for Massachusetts schools. In April 2021, the Department of Labor Standards established the AHERA standard in its regulation 454 CMR 28.13. One new key change requires each Local Education Agency to:



- Notify the Department of Labor Standards of a major fiber release, involving greater than 3 feet of asbestos within 24 hours of occurrence.
- A standardized reporting form must be completed and submitted electronically to the email address on the form.

REMINDER: A major fiber release will require a Project Design before cleanup of any debris and response action for asbestos can begin.

Local Education Agencies will need to enlist the services of a licensed consulting firm and a licensed asbestos contractor independently.

Please ensure that your AHERA Designated Person receives this bulletin.

For guidance documents on AHERA requirements for fiber release episodes and regulatory changes, please visit:

- [mass.gov/doc/faqs-about-ahera-regulation-changes-under-454-cmr-28/](https://www.mass.gov/doc/faqs-about-ahera-regulation-changes-under-454-cmr-28/)
- [mass.gov/doc/fiber-release-episode-2021/](https://www.mass.gov/doc/fiber-release-episode-2021/)
- [mass.gov/doc/fiber-release-episode-notification-form/](https://www.mass.gov/doc/fiber-release-episode-notification-form/)