



The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has published the Asbestos Program Penalty Matrix in the [Texas Register](#) (April 17, 2020) and it is effective immediately.

DSHS developed the Asbestos Program Penalty Matrix to promote consistency and transparency in the enforcement process and to encourage greater voluntary compliance with federal and state laws and rules.

The penalty matrix is a table of specific violations and associated enforcement actions and penalty amounts. Enforcement actions, including monetary penalties, are based on statutory and rule requirements with consideration given to the threat to public health and safety, severity of violations, history of previous violations and other mitigating factors. The penalty matrix will provide more transparent and predictable penalties for program staff, licensees, building owners, demolition contractors, and other persons subject to the laws and rules.

If you have any questions, please contact the DSHS Environmental Hazards Unit of the Policy, Standards & Quality Assurance Section by email at AsbestosHelp@dshs.texas.gov, or by phone at 512-834-6787.