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## MCK announces strategy for Asbestos-Containing Materials

### For Immediate Release

**(Kahnawake – 17 Oniarí:ha/June 2025)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to announce the launch of the Asbestos Containing Material Plan (ACM), an important step forward in the community's ongoing efforts to manage the presence of asbestos-containing materials (ACMs) and ensure the health and safety of all residents.

Led by MCK's Public Safety Division (PSD), the ACM Plan is informed by extensive research and expert consultation, which recommends a "leave it in place" approach. The plan focuses on ACM in Kahnawà:ke, prevention, ensuring safety, and educating the community.

"We're taking a proactive approach by ensuring we provide access to information," said Tracey Snow, Special Projects Coordinator for the PSD. "The plan is based on expert advice, and that the leave-it-in-place approach is based on expert data.

For tracking purposes, PSD will commit to annual inspection processes where crews will perform annual walkthrough inspections in any identified lots to remove any visible ACM fragments that may make its way to the surface. The first inspection is scheduled for Wednesday, 18 Oniarí:ha/June.

"The MCK remains committed to ensuring the safety of our community members as we switch gears to public education," said Public Safety Lead Ratsénhaïenhs Ryan Montour. "The ACM Plan is the result of years of work, research, and collaboration with health and environmental experts and is being made accessible to the community."

Informational resources on ACM and an Executive Summary of the management plan are available online at [www.kahnawake.com/acm](http://www.kahnawake.com/acm). Copies of the complete ACM Plan are available by request to the Public Safety Division.

The MCK is committed to protecting the health and safety of Kahnawà:kehró:non and will continue refining its approach based on the latest research, expert advice, and community feedback.

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