



City of Santa Barbara  
Building & Safety Division  
**Asbestos Exception for HERS  
Certification Policy**

Community Development  
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The presence of asbestos in ventilation ducting is an exception for air pressure duct testing. The use of the Asbestos Exception to Section 150.2(b) 1Diib allows the Contractor or Homeowner to not test the ducting.

Contractors or owners of property will need to provide documentation that ducts or duct components have asbestos; therefore allowing the exception for duct testing.

1. CHEERS website- The HERS rating provider, contractor, or property owner shall include photos (with comments) of the supposed asbestos in the “Activity” section on the CHEERS website for each permit. [click here](#)
2. CalCERTS website- The HERS rating provider, contractor, or property owner shall include photos (with comments) of the supposed asbestos in the “Project Notes” section on the CalCERTS website for each permit. [click here](#)

**This will be a requirement if the exception is taken.** Without the photos, the exception will not be accepted unless a test report is provided indicating the presence of asbestos in ducting or duct components.