# HAZARD ALERT

## **COLOURED SAND**

### **17 November 2025**

#### References:

WHS Act 2012 (SA) Sections 19, 20, 25 & 27 & WHS Regulations 2012 (SA) – Regulations 34 – 38 CSaIM Procedure No. (14) – Hazard Management and CSaIM Procedure No. (4) – Asbestos Management

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To ensure worksites are aware of a recall notice recently issued by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) relating to coloured sand that may contain asbestos which has been sold through various retailers.

#### **BACKGROUND**

These products were sold by several retailers including Officeworks and Winc. See full list of retailers attached to email. The sand is brightly coloured and designed for children to play with and for educational purposes, labelled as:

- Kadink Sand (1.3kg)
- Educational Colours Rainbow Sand (1.3kg)
- Creatistics Coloured Sand (1kg)
- 14-piece sandcastle building set (Updated products listed by SafeWork SA)
- Blue, Green and Pink Magic Sand sets (Updated products listed by SafeWork SA)
- Kadink Decorative sand (10g) 6 pack (listed by SafeWork SA in their Safety Alert but not by the ACCC)

The products have been recalled because they may contain tremolite asbestos, a naturally occurring asbestos, which was detected in some samples after laboratory testing. Importantly, respirable asbestos has not been detected in any of the tested samples. The release of respirable asbestos fibres from the sand is unlikely to occur in its current state, unless the sand is processed by mechanical means such as crushing or pulverising. While the risk that any asbestos found is likely to be airborne or fine enough for inhalation is low, this may still pose a risk.

#### **Product Examples**







#### PREVENTATIVE ACTION

Sites should ensure, but not limited to:

- Stop using any coloured sand products immediately.
- Thoroughly review the detail provided at recall notice. Additional information is available here.
- Investigate and identify whether any of these products are in place.
- If sand is still in its original packaging, whether opened or unopened, ensure lid is secured and, place products in a heavy-duty plastic bag, double tape it and store in a secure area.
- If sand is loose isolate the area and secure it.
- If you cannot determine if the sand you have is on the list of recalled products, treat it as if it is.
- Do not dispose of the product in general waste. Information on the disposal of asbestos waste, including disposal facilities in your state or territory can be found on <u>Search for disposal facilities | Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency.</u>
- Contact a licensed asbestos removal company <u>Licence holder registers | SafeWork SA</u> or your waste contractor to assist with disposal.
- Contact <u>recalls@educationalvantage.com</u> for guidance on disposal and refunds.

For enquiries or further information, please contact your Safety Business Partner at CSaIM or ring the CSaIM Office on 8210 8101