

# **A S B E S T O S   W O R K E R S**

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## **HISTORY/FACTS**

Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers Local 36 of Portland, Oregon was chartered July 13, 1913. Local 36 now has a membership of 192. Its jurisdiction includes all of Oregon and five Southwest Washington counties.

## **RECENT CHARITABLE PROJECTS**

The Florence Bernard/Alta Miller Scholarship fund provides twenty \$1,000 scholarships for members, spouses and children of Asbestos Workers. The Sunshine Division provides food and clothing for needy families during the holiday season. Members of Asbestos Workers Local 36 also donate their time at the Doernbecher Children's Hospital at OHSU and provide the Shriners Hospital with a donation that allows disabled children to attend the annual circus.

## **DESCRIPTION**

Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers perform insulation on all types of mechanical piping and HVAC, refrigeration systems. In addition, Asbestos Workers perform insulation and weather proofing on boilers, breaching, precipitators, tanks, vessels, baghouses, turbines, heat exchangers and the building of insulated pads.

Firestopping and penetration seals have become a growing part of the industry. Now that asbestos is no longer used for insulation materials, various types of fiberglass, cellular types of rubber, urethane, calcium silicate and mineral fibers have taken its place. Forcoatings and weather proofing, light gage metals and PVC plastics are being used. Services are offered to remove all asbestos and lead materials and provide encapsulation services complete with air monitoring and testing services.

## **APPRENTICESHIP PROCESS**

There is a four year state approved apprenticeship program which covers all facets of this trade. Apprentices are required to have a high school diploma or GED to apply. They must work at least 1,700 hours per year, attend 144 hours of classes and attend seven union meetings per year to advance.

## **JOURNEYMAN PROCESS**

In order to advance to journeyman, one must complete four years of apprenticeship training. They may also make application with prior experience or organizing campaigns. The JATC offers continued journeyman upgrade of all facets of their trade, in order to offer the most qualified craftsman.

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