A Game of Drones: Using Drones and Thermal Imaging Technology to Modernise and De-Risk Condition Surveys

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- Current Challenges in Asbestos Condition Surveys
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- Benefits Specific to Asbestos Professionals
- Future Trends and Developments



Overview of Condition Surveys

Definition: "Condition surveys are systematic inspections to assess the state of a structure or material."

Importance: "Critical for ensuring safety and compliance, especially in asbestos management."

Traditional Methods: "Manual inspections, visual assessments, and physical sampling."





Current Challenges in Condition Surveys

• Health and Safety Risks

- Exposure risks to asbestos fibers
- Physical dangers in unstable environments
- Access Issues
 - Difficult-to-reach areas (e.g., roofs, confined spaces)
 - Structural concerns limiting access
- Accuracy and Documentation
 - Potential for human error in assessments
 - Challenges in comprehensive documentation and reporting







Introduction to Drone Technology





Introduction to Drone Technology

- How Drones Work
- Types of Drones
 - Multirotors: Versatile, easy to maneuver, suitable for detailed inspections.
 - Fixed-wing: Longer flight times, greater coverage, ideal for large areas.













Benefits of Drones

- Enhanced safety by reducing the need for manual inspections in hazardous areas
- Ability to access hard-to-reach areas
- Time efficiency and cost savings







Introduction to Thermal Imaging Technology



Types of Thermal Cameras

- Handheld: Ideal for close-up inspections
- Drone-mounted: Excellent for aerial surveys and large areas







Benefits of Thermal Imaging

- Detecting temperature anomalies indicating issues like moisture or insulation defects
- Non-invasive and quick assessments
- Ability to see what the naked eye

cannot





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Benefits Specific to Asbestos Professionals



Safety Improvements

Reduced risk of asbestos exposure and physical accidents





Increased Accuracy and Reliability

- More precise data collection with drones and thermal imaging
 - Comprehensive visual and thermal documentation





Efficiency and Cost-effectiveness

 Faster surveys with less manual labor
Potential cost savings from reduced time on-site





Improved Documentation

 High-quality visual records
Enhanced data for reporting and compliance





Future Trends and Developments



Advancements in Drone Technology

- Al and machine learning integration
- Improved battery life and flight time.
- More sophisticated sensors





Advancements in Thermal Imaging

- Higher resolution cameras
- Better data processing software
- Integration with other sensor data (e.g., LIDAR)





Regulatory Considerations

- Overview of current drone regulations
- Future regulatory trends affecting drone and thermal imaging use





Conclusion

