

Asbestos

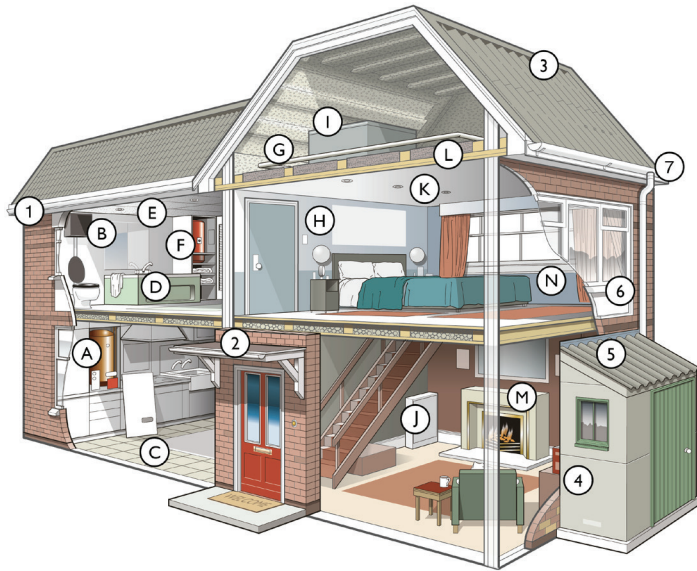
Resident Information

Asbestos is the name given to a group of naturally occurring fibrous minerals, which were widely used from the 1930s to the 1980s. It was widespread in its use because it is strong, durable and resistant to heat, chemicals and fire, and all types of asbestos were banned in 1999.

It's estimated that 2 million homes in the UK still have asbestos present. If your home was built before the 2000s, there is a possibility it may contain asbestos.

Asbestos only becomes a risk to your health when it is damaged or disturbed (for example, through drilling, sanding, and sawing), which could release fibres into the air which if breathed in, can cause asbestos related illnesses. There are strict regulations for how it can be dealt with, and it is important that any concerns are raised and reported to us as soon as possible.

Where would I find asbestos?



A. asbestos insulating board (AIB) around boiler

B. toilet cistern

C. vinyl floor tiles backed with asbestos paper and bitumen adhesive

D. AIB or asbestos cement bath panels

E. AIB ceiling tiles

F. AIB airing cupboard and/or sprayed insulation coating boiler

G. pipe lagging

H. AIB partition wall

I. asbestos cement water tank

J. AIB behind fuse box

K. textured decorative coating, for example Artex

L. loose fill insulation

M. AIB behind fire

N. AIB or asbestos cement interior window panel

1. AIB or asbestos cement soffits and fascias

2. roofing felt

3. asbestos cement roof tiles/slates

4. asbestos cement panels

5. profiled asbestos cement sheeting

6. AIB or asbestos cement exterior window panel

7. gutters and asbestos cement downpipes

(Diagram from hse.gov.uk)

How do I find out if I have asbestos in my home?

We will provide you with a letter to let you know any if asbestos containing materials were found when the property was surveyed, detailing the material and where it is located. We also enclose a leaflet which will give further information and advice, and more information is available on our dedicated asbestos webpage on the PCH website.

All information regarding asbestos within our homes is kept on our asbestos register which enables us to monitor and manage it safely.

We survey and regularly inspect all communal areas of our buildings to ensure we know where asbestos is and what condition it is in.

You can also contact us to find out if there is asbestos in your home.

What should I do if I have or find asbestos?

Asbestos is safe if it's in good condition and hasn't been disturbed, and it is important that it is left alone.

The PCH Asbestos Team are available to be contacted if you have any concerns.

If you are planning on carrying out any DIY within your home that has the potential to disturb asbestos containing materials, further checks may be necessary, so please do contact us.

If you think you have damaged any materials containing asbestos, do not attempt to clean up any debris yourself, contact us immediately where we can advise on the next steps.

Where necessary we will repair or remove any damaged, fragile or disturbed asbestos containing material.

Do's and Don'ts

- ✓ Do leave the asbestos alone and undisturbed if it's in good condition and not damaged.
- ✗ Don't try and remove the asbestos yourself – dealing with asbestos requires specialist training. We have trained staff and licenced contractors who can carry out asbestos work.
- ✗ Don't rub down or sand an area where you think there might be asbestos.
- ✗ Don't drill through asbestos containing materials.
- ✗ Don't break off pieces of materials that you know, or suspect may contain asbestos.



Do contact us if you have any questions, we can arrange for a surveyor to carry out an assessment and decide on the next steps.

Contact us

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