



# Asbestos in your home

What you need to know

**Bolton**  
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## Our commitment to you

**We will record the location and condition of any known materials containing asbestos in properties.**

**We will make safe any materials that are damaged and pose a risk to health, and tell you all you need to know about asbestos.**

**This guide contains important information about asbestos. Please take a few minutes to read it.**

### What is asbestos?

Asbestos was widely used as a building material from the 1950s through to the mid-1980s. It was used for a variety of purposes and was ideal for fireproofing and insulation.

Because asbestos is often mixed with another material, it's hard to know if you're working with it or not. But, if you work in a building built before the year 2000, it's likely that some parts of the building will contain asbestos.

### Why is asbestos harmful?

Asbestos products are a risk to health as they may release invisible fibres into the air. This only happens if the asbestos products are damaged or disturbed.

If asbestos fibres are inhaled they can cause a number of harmful diseases, the effects of which only become apparent many years after exposure.

Asbestos materials are safe and do not pose a risk to health, provided they remain in good condition and undisturbed.

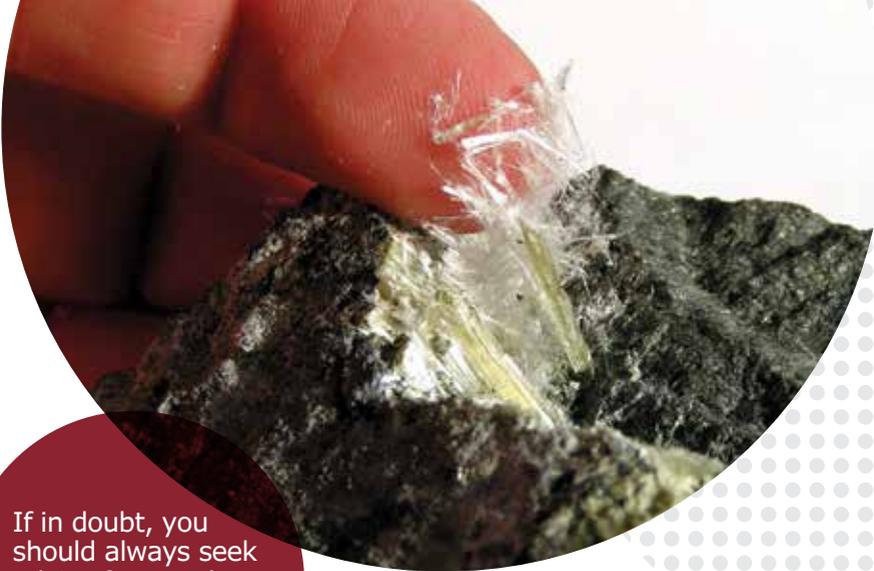
### Where might I find asbestos in my home?

You might find asbestos in these common building materials...

- thermal insulation lagging around pipes or boilers
- lining for walls, ceilings and doors
- roofing tiles and felt
- some types of ceiling tiles
- some types of flooring materials
- decoratively textured coatings generally applied prior to 1984
- bath panels



Although there may be asbestos products in your home, they represent no risk if they are in good condition and they are not damaged.



If in doubt, you should always seek advice from us by telephoning 01204 328000.

- boarding and gaskets within electrical mains fuse cupboards and certain gas fires
- cement products, compressed flat or corrugated sheets, typically used as roofing and wall cladding on garages, sheds, etc.
- other cement products including gutters, rainwater pipes, water tanks and flues

### **What should I do?**

If you have been told there is asbestos in your home you should avoid damaging it in any way. You should not carry out any work that involves drilling, sawing, sanding or cutting into it as this may release fibres into the air.

If you are concerned about any material in your home you should always treat it as if it does contain asbestos until you hear otherwise from us or an asbestos specialist.

Never handle any suspect material or try to dispose of it yourself. Licensed and experienced contractors should remove and dispose of it at an approved tip.

### **Can I do DIY?**

You should not carry out any alterations or improvements to your home, other than cleaning and basic decorating, without permission from us.

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**For more information about asbestos, contact:**

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