



Asbestos in the home



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What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a natural material made up of strong fibres which are resistant to both heat and chemicals. These qualities made asbestos a popular material in the building trade and it was widely used in homes and offices between the 1950's and 1980's. The import and use of asbestos was banned in the UK in 1999 as a result of health risks.

When is asbestos a problem?

Even if there is asbestos in your home, it is not a problem provided the material containing asbestos is undisturbed and is in good condition. Asbestos only poses a risk if it is disturbed, damaged or deteriorates with age. If this happens, tiny fibres are released into the air which are easily inhaled and stay in the lungs. This can cause respiratory disease and some types of cancer.

Where asbestos might be found

Asbestos can be found in a variety of materials around the home. Some of the most common include:

- bath panels
- ceiling tiles
- water tanks
- fire surrounds
- floor tiles
- lagging around pipe work and boilers
- walls and ceilings with a textured coating finish

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- wall boards
- rainwater pipes and guttering
- soffit boards
- roofing materials
- wall cladding sheets
- sprayed coatings to pipework.

Asbestos may be found in other materials, the above list is only a guide to the most common types.

Home improvements

If you are planning any home improvements and think you may have asbestos in your home, please contact us first. We can check our records and tell you if asbestos is present or arrange for someone from our specialist team to visit you and carry out a survey of the property. When carrying out DIY work:

- always wear a protective face mask
- do not drill, cut, scrub or sand anything that you think may contain asbestos
- do not dust, sweep or vacuum debris that may contain asbestos
- do not remove old floor tiles or linoleum – lay new floor coverings over them.

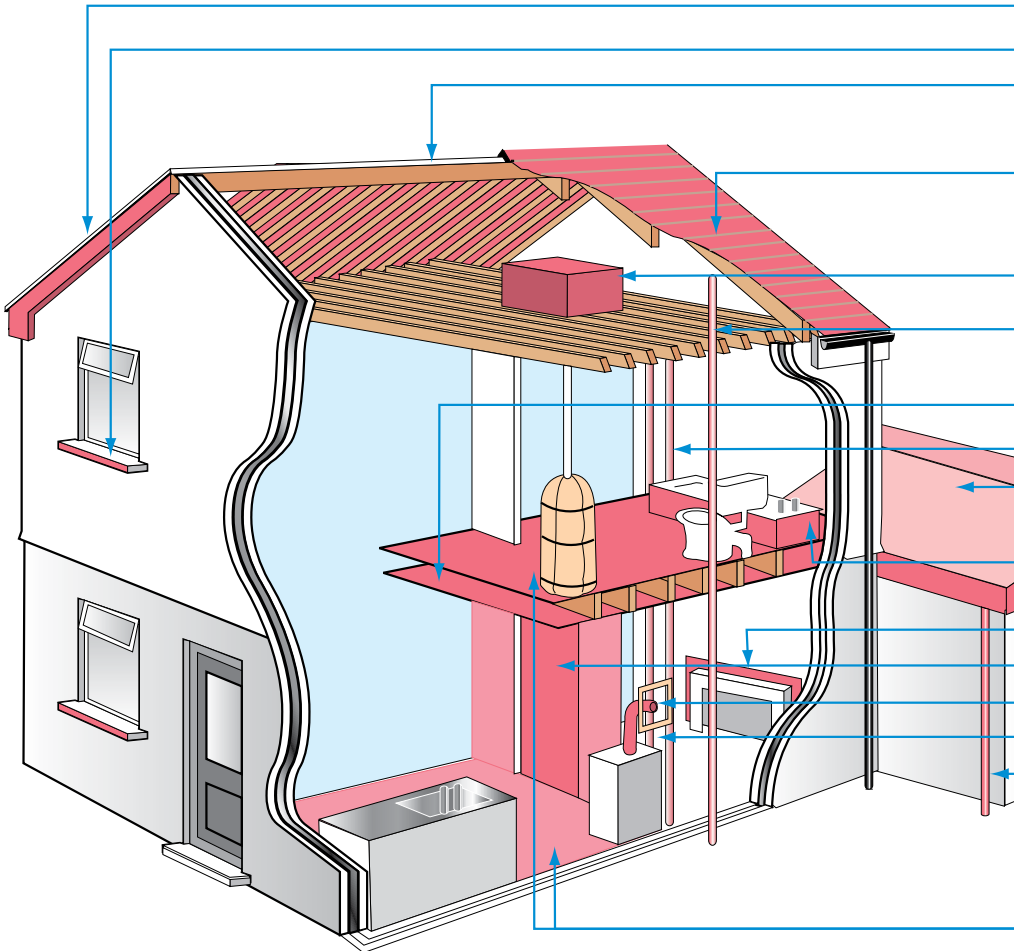
Handling and removal

As your landlord, it is whg's responsibility to remove or contain materials safely which contain asbestos from your home. Please contact us if you believe that you have asbestos in your home or garage.

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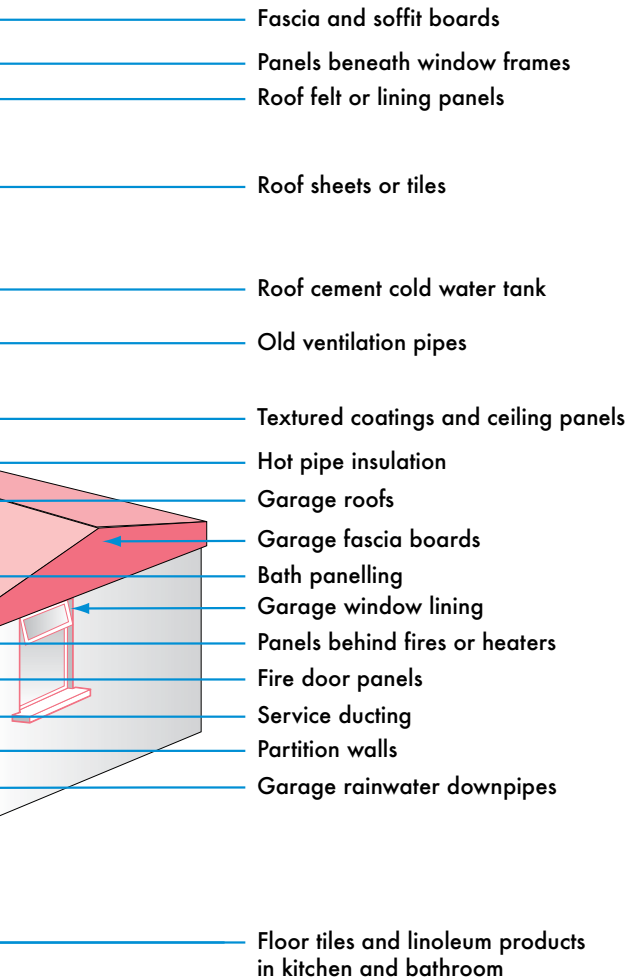
who has a specialist licensed asbestos team that can offer advice, testing and removal where necessary.

This diagram shows the most likely locations where asbestos might be in a home environment.



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Do not attempt to remove or disturb items that you think may contain asbestos.



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English

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Bengali

ভাষান্তর, অনুবাদ, বড় হরফ, ব্রেল কিংবা অডিও ফরম্যাটের জন্য, ইংরেজী বলতে পারেন আপনার এমন কোন বন্ধুকে আপনার স্থানীয় হাউসিং অফিসের সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করার জন্য সাহায্য করতে বসুন।

Punjabi

ਵਿਆਖਿਆ, ਅਨੁਵਾਦ, ਵੱਡੇ ਪਿੰਟ, ਬ੍ਰੈਲ ਜਾਂ ਆਡੀਓ ਫਾਰਮੈਟਾਂ ਲਈ, ਅੰਗ੍ਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਬੋਲਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਦੋਸਤ ਨੂੰ ਕਹੋ ਕਿ ਉਹ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਸਥਾਨਕ ਹਾਊਸਿੰਗ ਟ੍ਰਸਟ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਮਦਦ ਕਰੇ।

Gujarati

અર્થઘટન, ભાષાંતર, મોટી પ્રિન્ટ, બ્રેઈલ અથવા ઓડિયો ફોર્મેટ માટે, તમારા ઇંગ્લીશ બોલતા મિત્રને તમારા સ્થાનિક હાઉસિંગ ટ્રસ્ટનો સંપર્ક કરવા મદદ માટે કહો.

Hindi

भाषांतरण, अनुवाद, बड़े प्रिंट, ब्रेल अथवा ऑडियो प्रारूपों के लिए, अंग्रेजी बोलने वाले किसी दोस्त से कहें कि वह आपकी स्थानीय हाउसिंग ट्रस्ट से सम्पर्क करने में आपकी मदद करे।

Urdu

اشرح، ترجمہ، بڑے چھاپے، بریل یا آڈیو فارمیٹ کے لیے انگریزی بولنے والے کسی دوست سے دریافت کریں کہ وہ آپ کے مقامی ہاؤسنگ ٹرسٹ سے رابطہ کرنے میں آپ کی مدد کرے۔

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Turkish

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