



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUSPECT THERE IS ASBESTOS IN MY HOME?

Leave asbestos alone, it's usually safe unless it's damaged or disturbed.

- > Do not attempt to remove asbestos from your home.
- > Do not sand, drill or saw asbestos materials.
- > Seek advice from LHA

IF ASBESTOS IS FOUND

The options available to us on locating asbestos are:

- > Leave alone (where the asbestos material is in good condition and not disturbed)
- > Remove it
- > Enclose it
- > Sealing

We will advise contractors on the possible locations of asbestos (where known) before starting work in your home.

ASBESTOS SURVEYS

In certain cases an asbestos survey will need to be done in your home to check if asbestos is present – particularly where some form of destructive work is due to be carried out in your property.

We may also undertake a survey if we're carrying out a day-to-day repair which may involve disturbing some asbestos based material.

DOS AND DON'TS

- > DON'T panic if you think you have asbestos in your home – it's usually only a problem if it's disturbed
- > DO treat asbestos with respect
- > DON'T disturb materials that you think may contain asbestos
- > DO contact us if you think you have a problem with asbestos in your home

If you have any queries about asbestos, please contact a member of your regional Property Services Team.

Further information is also available from the Health and Safety Executive on the following website - www.hse.gov.uk.



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UNDERSTANDING ASBESTOS

Building materials containing asbestos were widely used from 1930 to around 1980, particularly from the 1960s onwards. Any flats or houses built or refurbished during this time may contain asbestos material.

If your property is less than 15 years old, it is likely that it contains no asbestos.

WHERE IS ASBESTOS FOUND?

Some common locations are listed below but there may be others in your home – if you are in doubt leave well alone and seek advice from LHA.

- > Asbestos cement on garage or shed roofs
- > Shed and garage wall panels
- > Artex ceilings
- > Floor tiles
- > Bath panels
- > Insulating boards

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