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Asbestos in the home

What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring fibrous material, which can resist heat and chemicals.

It was commonly used in building materials from the early 1900's until the late 1990's.

Any building that was constructed or altered during this period may contain some asbestos.

When asbestos materials age or become damaged they can release fibres into the air. When these fibres are breathed deep into the lungs they may be harmful to health.

Materials containing asbestos, which are in good condition and are unlikely to be disturbed, present minimal risk.

Asbestos can be found in a number of Council homes. Your Homes Newcastle is committed to ensuring that all materials containing asbestos are safe.

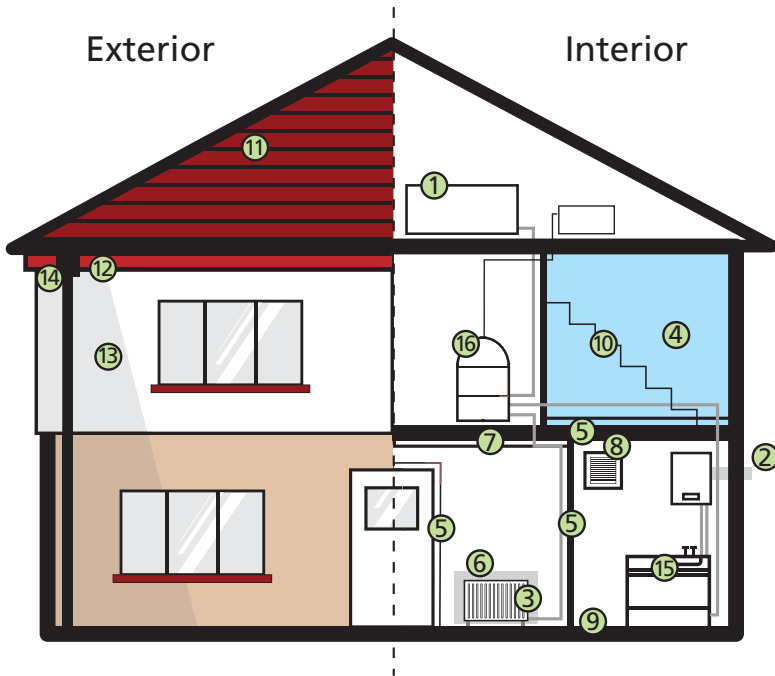
All the items on the page opposite potentially contain asbestos and should be treated as such, unless you know otherwise. For example, if you know it has been removed and replaced by a non-asbestos product.



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Where can you find asbestos?

The following information highlights some of the typical places where asbestos containing materials have been found within properties. It is highly unlikely that you would have asbestos in all of the locations listed below, but please be aware that the list is not exhaustive.



Boilers:

- ① Cold water supply tank
- ② Boiler flue pipes
- ③ Storage radiators

Interior surfaces:

- ④ Textured wall & ceiling coatings
- ⑤ Infill panels
- ⑥ Panels behind radiators/heaters
- ⑦ Suspended ceiling panels
- ⑧ Duct panels
- ⑨ Floor tiles
- ⑩ Underside of stairs

Exterior:

- ⑪ Roof sheets and tiles
- ⑫ Fascia boards
- ⑬ Exterior cladding
- ⑭ Guttering and drain pipes

Other items

- ⑮ Pad to underside of sink
- ⑯ Water tank

Asbestos can also be found in

- Bath panels
- Fireplace panels
- Pipe lagging
- Garage or shed roofs

Asbestos do's and don'ts

Do

- Take extra care when doing DIY if you think there are asbestos materials in your home
- Always soak wallpaper before removing. If possible use a steam stripper and then gently peel away the paper before redecorating
- Seek advice by contacting your community housing office or a specialist contractor
- Treat asbestos with respect

Don't

- Try to remove textured coatings from ceilings/walls. Wash any areas of flaking paint before re-painting
- Try to remove old floor tiles or linoleum. Leave them in place and lay new coverings over them
- Drill, sand or scrape anything you think may contain asbestos. Seek advice from Your Homes Newcastle first
- Panic if you think you have asbestos in your home. It is not a problem if left undisturbed
- Forget that it can be hazardous to your health if handled incorrectly

If you are unsure about something in your home containing asbestos then you should presume it does, leave it alone and seek advice.

If you suspect that a material containing asbestos has been damaged please contact the Risk Assessment and Safety Manager on **0191 278 7744**.

They will inspect and, if appropriate, remove the material in accordance with our guidelines and Health and Safety regulations.

Advice to leaseholders

Under the terms of your lease you are responsible for all fixtures and fittings in your property, which includes Artex and floor tiles.

Your Homes Newcastle remains responsible for the building structure.

Items which you suspect contain asbestos but are in good condition, are best left in place.

For example, if you wish to lay carpet instead of floor tiles, lay it directly on top but use tape to hold it down instead of carpet grippers.

If you want to remove Artex then you are advised to seek advice from a specialist contractor.

If you do remove or seal in asbestos, we ask that you inform future owners and our home ownership section so that this information can be passed on and recorded.



Who to contact

If you have any queries relating to the information provided in this leaflet or about asbestos in your home, please contact:

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Languages

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