

# Could there be asbestos in your home?

If your home was built before the year 2000, there may be materials within the building that contain asbestos.

Asbestos was completely banned in the UK in 1999. Before that, it was commonly used in insulation, flooring and roofing.

If left alone, it's unlikely anything containing asbestos would cause a problem. However, if they are disturbed or damaged, asbestos fibres can become airborne and, over time, cause lung damage.

## If in doubt, ask an expert

Some DIY jobs, like giving your walls a fresh lick of paint, are fine for you to do without worrying about asbestos. However, you should be cautious if you plan to drill, cut, scrape, sand or otherwise disturb materials that could contain asbestos.



Asbestos can be removed, sealed or repaired. It's important that a specialist carries out this work though, and they must be licensed to work with asbestos.

**Don't attempt to do this big task yourself!**

If we've already identified asbestos in your home, you may find a sticker like this one where it was found.

If you think there might be asbestos in your home, call us 0808 168 4555

