

To sum up

- Asbestos is dangerous, but is less hazardous if it is in good condition and left alone.
- Do not hesitate to contact your Environmental Health Officer for advice.
- Don't DIY without advice
- Don't put asbestos waste in the dustbin

Licensed Asbestos Removal Companies

These companies may be found by consulting phone listing directories such as the 'Yellow Pages' or similar internet sites.

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Asbestos in the Home - Advice to Householders



Melton Borough Council

Health & Safety

General Advice

Asbestos is a natural mineral made up of many small fibres. There are three main types; blue, brown and white

Where is Asbestos Found in The Home?

Asbestos has been widely used about the home in both building materials and consumer goods. Some of the more common are listed below;

- Cold water cisterns
- Window boxes
- Roof & wall cladding
- Flat roof decking
- Flue pipes, gutters,
- Rainwater down pipes
- Roof slates & roofing tiles
- Thermoplastic & vinyl floor tiles
- Boiler flues
- Wall plugging compounds
- Asbestos cement sheeting—garage & shed walls and roofs
- Vehicle clutch & brake linings
- Storage heaters
- Ironing boards
- Central heating system insulation
- Old oven gloves & fire blankets

Who to contact

If in doubt as to whether asbestos is present or if advice is required before working on a product known to contain asbestos

Then leave it alone & seek advice

- A licensed asbestos removal company (see list overleaf)
- The Health & safety Executive
- Your local Environmental Health dept

NB Neither the Health & Safety Executive nor the Environmental health Officer are able to make visits to identify materials

Safeguards

Asbestos & asbestos products which are not liable to be damaged should, as a short term measure be sealed and left in place (removal may cause more problems by releasing fibres) This can be done by painting but do **not rub down surfaces**

- Do not drill, sand, cut or in any way disturb the integrity of any asbestos products.
- If there are any asbestos products in the home which are damaged or can easily be dismantled without damage it is advisable to have them removed by a licensed contractor.

- Any dust which may contain asbestos fibres should only be removed with an industrial vacuum cleaner with a high efficiency filter or by wiping with a damp cloth which should be disposed of in a sealed bag while still damp. This will probably mean employing a specialist removal company.
- Some consumer products containing asbestos may be marked with a warning label or sticker to assist recognition.
- If you employ a specialist removal contractor he must work in accordance with all current Regulations, Codes of practice & safe working procedures. You should request to see a copy of his license and insurance certificate
- As a guide any person who works with asbestos will wear proper overalls, a hood and a respirator and depending on the work involved and type of asbestos being removed may need to provide enclosures and other facilities and at the completion of the work employ the services of an independent analyst to ensure the area is clean



What Are The dangers?

All three types can be dangerous if asbestos dust containing the tiny fibres is breathed in. Inhaling asbestos dust can cause a number of diseases including; asbestosis, mesothelioma and cancer of the lungs.