



Asbestos

Don't worry. Follow this advice



Halton
Housing

Your home may contain asbestos if it was built or refurbished before the year 2000. When asbestos is in good condition and not disturbed or damaged it is not a danger. Once disturbed, for example carrying out improvements or DIY works in your home, asbestos fibres may become airborne and a possible a risk to health.



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Where can it be found

Banned in 1999, it was used extensively in many products. The most common materials likely to have asbestos present in domestic properties are:

- **Asbestos floor tiles**
- **Textured walls or ceiling (e.g. artex)**
- **Firebreaks** (within cupboards, between floors, between buildings etc.)
- **Flue pipes**
- **Cement roof sheets**
- **Mastic sealant**

Carrying out improvements and DIY in your home

You might have asbestos containing materials within your home so take extra care when carrying out DIY. It is important not to drill, cut, sand or scrape any material that you suspect may contain asbestos. Please contact Halton Housing for further advice if you are unsure

Asbestos must only be removed, repaired, or worked on by Halton Housing's appointed asbestos removal contractor who are suitably trained and licensed to do so safely.

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Surveys and testing for asbestos

If your home has not had an asbestos survey this can be arranged at your convenience so that any potential asbestos containing materials can be identified. This will allow us to manage any asbestos safely and accordingly.

If you are ever unsure about any material in your home,
please call us on **0303 333 0101**