

# Asbestos

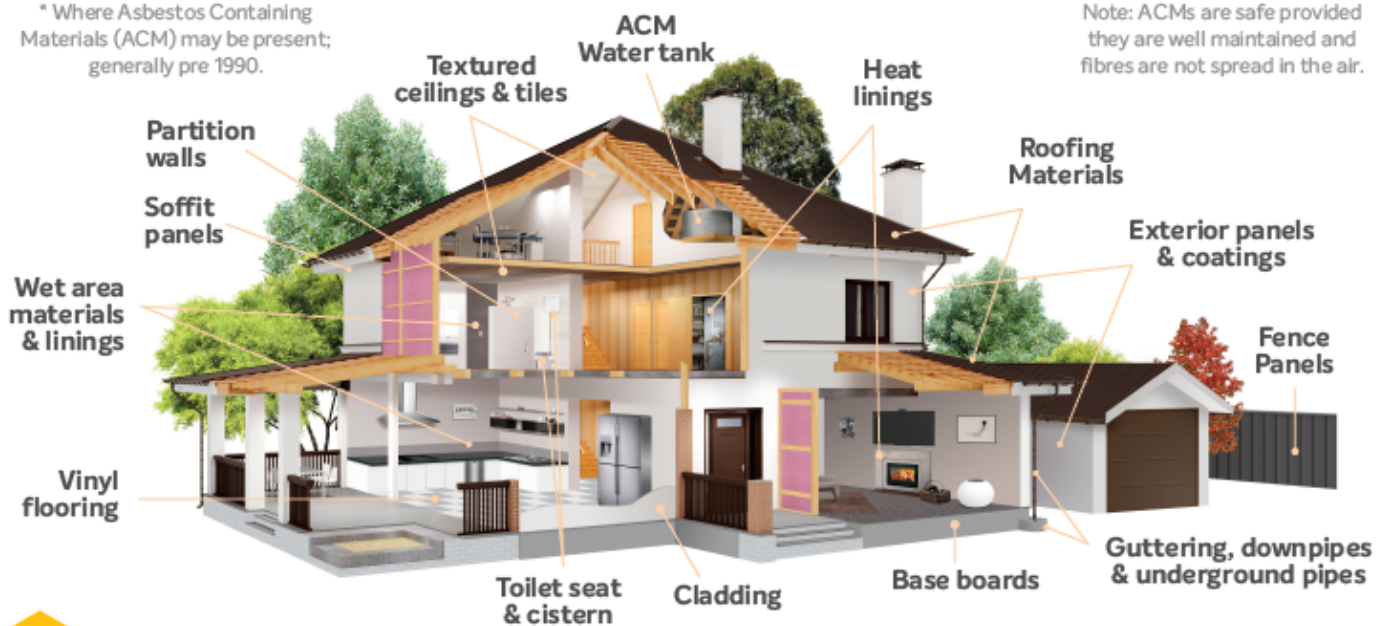
Asbestos is a naturally occurring fibrous mineral that was used extensively as a popular building material since the 1950s. It was used as an insulator (to keep heat in and cold out), has good fire protection properties and protects against corrosion.

Asbestos was officially banned in 1999, the Dovecotes Estate was built in the late 1970's when asbestos was used both inside and outside a property. Common places materials containing asbestos may be found in, roof tiles and roof felt, gutters & rainwater pipes, soffit & fascia's, cold water tanks, insulation to pipes, textured coatings to ceiling & walls, toilet cisterns, insulation to floor voids, gaskets & seals to gas appliances, floor tiles, partition walls, panels on or inside fire rated doors, panels behind & inside electrical equipment, panels under windows, insulation in old electric storage heaters.

## Asbestos containing materials in the home\*

\* Where Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) may be present; generally pre 1990.

Note: ACMs are safe provided they are well maintained and fibres are not spread in the air.



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 if you need to  
 report a repair  
 or have  
 questions  
 about asbestos  
 in your home

### Precautions you can take in your home

- Treat asbestos with respect
- Contact us if you think asbestos in your home has been damaged or disturbed
- Contact us if you are planning any DIY or improvements to your home.
- Help us by keeping to appointments we, or our asbestos surveyors/contractors arrange with you
- Take care to avoid damaging asbestos containing materials

If you think you have disturbed asbestos don't panic - contact us and we will make arrangements to have it inspected. We will then decide on the most appropriate action.