

If your workplace, home, garage or shed was built or renovated before 1990, there's a good chance it has some asbestos.

Before you start any renovations,

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Asbestos lurks in more places than you think

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Where asbestos is found

If your workplace, home, garage or shed was built or renovated before 1990, it probably contains some form of asbestos.

Asbestos was added to over 3,000 products, including (but not limited to) those used in building areas commonly renovated or repaired:



Bathrooms



Kitchens



Carports, sheds and outbuildings



Electrical meter boxes



Under vinyl floors, behind tiles and in carpet underlay



Guttering, downpipes and roof sheeting

With many Australian homes and buildings containing asbestos, if whether you're a tradie or a DIY renovator, you're likely to come across asbestos — and exposure could seriously affect your health.

Know the health risks

Disturbing any amount of asbestos can release fibres into the air. These could be inhaled or swallowed, which may lead to debilitating and fatal diseases such as asbestosis, lung cancer or mesothelioma in later years.



Around 4,000 Australians die annually from asbestos-related disease. That's more than triple the annual road toll.*

*Source: Australian Government Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

Before you start: get expert advice

If you're doing renovations, repairs or building work, it's important to first know whether asbestos may be present and how to deal with it safely. If you know where asbestos is in your property, you must tell your tradies before they begin any work there.

If you're unsure whether your building contains asbestos, ask a licensed asbestos assessor or removalist for advice. This is one job you don't want to DIY.

Find a licensed asbestos assessor or removalist at worksafe.tas.gov.au/asbestos.

