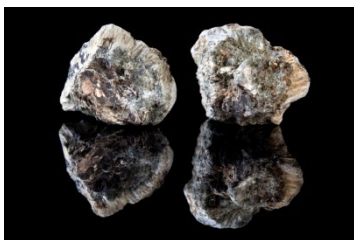


## Asbestos



Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral.



In the past, it was used in building materials.  
But it is now banned from use.



Asbestos is dangerous when it is breathed in.



Properties built before 2003 may have used  
building materials that contain asbestos.



Many houses in Tasmania were built before 2003.



This means that there may be asbestos in your home if it was built before 2003.

## Is asbestos dangerous?



Asbestos is not dangerous if it is not damaged, crumbled or crushed.



If there is asbestos in your home, it may not be a problem if it is not disturbed.



However, damaged, crumbled or crushed asbestos can be a big problem for human health.



When asbestos is inhaled or swallowed, the small fibres can get stuck inside the body. This may cause illness and can lead to death.

# What is Homes Tasmania doing about asbestos?



We take asbestos very seriously.



We know that many Homes Tasmania properties were built with materials that contain asbestos.



In 2009, we looked at the properties we own to see if they contained damaged asbestos materials.



At that time, we removed or repaired any building materials that were damaged or in poor condition.



We are continuing to work hard to remove asbestos from homes.



If there is asbestos in your home, it can be left alone if it is not damaged.



We want you to know where asbestos might be in your home. That way, you can check it from time to time and make sure it's OK.



If you notice any damage, you must let us know straight away.



A lot of the time, the areas that contain asbestos are on the outside of a home. This means they might be damaged by the weather.



It's also a good idea to look out for damage when you and your tenancy officer do an inspection of your home.



If we think there is damaged asbestos in your home, we will act quickly.

## Sanding and drilling make asbestos a problem



Please don't do any sanding or drilling in your home.



This could create a problem with asbestos.



Your lease agreement says that you can't do any renovations to a Homes Tasmania home.

## What if you buy a former social housing home?



Before you buy a former social housing home, we suggest you talk to a builder about asbestos.



Registered builders are the best people to talk to. They understand how to deal with asbestos.





Once you buy the home, the maintenance and upgrades are your responsibility.



We suggest that you avoid disturbing any asbestos that is at your home.

## Steve's story



Steve lives in a Homes Tasmania home.



A few weeks ago, the weather was really bad.



After the weather settled down, Steve noticed that the eaves at the back of the house were damaged.



He was worried that some of the lining sheets in the eaves might contain asbestos. He rang Homes Tasmania straight away.



We inspected the home, repaired the damage and removed the damaged asbestos.



Steve was really pleased that we were able to remove this health risk from his home.

## More information



Call Homes Tasmania on 1300 665 663.



If you are d/Deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication difficulty please contact us through the National Relay Service (NRS).

The appropriate contact method for your needs can be found on their website at [NRS call numbers and links | Access Hub](#)

When you know which call channel best suits your needs, provide NRS with the phone number you wish to call.



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