

# The home renovators guide to asbestos

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As a general rule, if the building was built before 1990, it is likely that it would have materials containing asbestos.

Play it safe with asbestos. If you are not sure whether a material contains asbestos, assume that it does and take adequate precautions:

- Only if safe to do so, consider taking samples from the proposed work area and have them tested to determine if asbestos is present.
- You can contact an asbestos consultant or competent person for advice.
- If asbestos is in good condition and not impacted by proposed renovations, leave them alone and safely work around them.
- Contract a licensed asbestos removalist to safely remove asbestos rather than removing it yourself (however, if friable asbestos-containing materials need to be removed, you **MUST** use a class A licensed removalist).

## Asbestos guide for minor renovations

This guide is useful for 'do-it-yourself' (DIY) home renovators carrying out minor renovations on building materials that may contain asbestos.



# What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a type of building material used in the building industry between the 1940s and late 1980s.



[Learn more](#) about what asbestos is, where it was typically used in Queensland and what health risks asbestos poses.

## What does asbestos look like?

Asbestos can be found in many places in Queensland. In homes, vehicles and plant, within electrical switchboards and meters and products used in buildings.



[View](#) some examples in this gallery.



## Find a licensed asbestos removalist

Learn more about license requirements to remove asbestos and information on which businesses are licensed to do this in Queensland.



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