Communications kit

Asbestos Awareness Week 2026

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Asbestos Awareness Week 2026 is held across Australia from 23–29 November 2026 to raise awareness of the risks of living and working with asbestos-containing materials.

This Asbestos Awareness Week, we're encouraging Queenslanders to stop, think and check for asbestos before starting renovation, maintenance, demolition or construction work.

Although asbestos was banned in Australia in 2003, it can still be found in many homes, workplaces and buildings built before 1990. While these materials are generally safe if left undisturbed, activities such as drilling, sanding, cutting or high-pressure water cleaning can release hazardous asbestos fibres.

Understanding where asbestos may be present is an important first step in preventing exposure and keeping yourself, your workers and your community safe.

For information, resources and practical guidance, visit asbestos.qld.gov.au/AAW2026.

This kit includes:

- key messages
- social media
- editorial content
- Asbestos 360°: a virtual guide
- video resources
- helpful links.

Key messages

For do it yourself renovators and homeowners

- If your home was built before 1990, it may contain asbestos.
- Asbestos is usually safe if in good condition and left undisturbed, but can be dangerous if damaged or removed incorrectly.
- Do it yourself (DIY) renovations and maintenance can disturb hidden asbestos and release harmful fibres.
- Before you start, identify potential asbestos and understand how to manage it safely.
- If asbestos needs to be removed, ensure the person carrying out the work holds the appropriate asbestos removal licence. Depending on the type of asbestos removal work being undertaken, they will need either a Class A or Class B licence.
- Using a high-pressure water cleaner on asbestos-containing materials is illegal and can release dangerous asbestos fibres into the air.

For persons conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU)

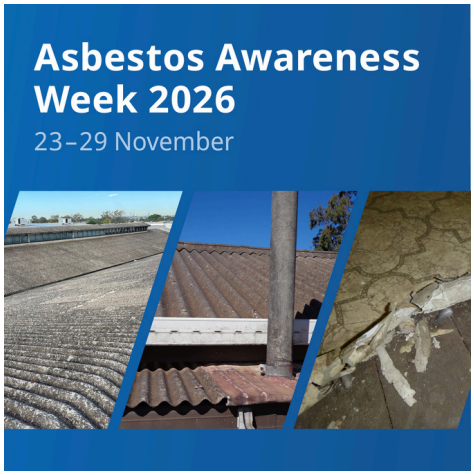
- Every business has a legal responsibility to identify, manage and control asbestos risks in the workplace.
- Workplaces built before 1990 must have an asbestos register and asbestos managment plan to identify where asbestos-containing materials are present.
- The asbestos register records where asbestos may be present, so risks can be managed safely before maintenance, refurbishment, demolition or construction work begins.

Call to action

- Visit asbestos.qld.gov.au for practical guidance, tools and resources to help manage asbestos risk.

Social media

You are welcome to use the below post on your own channels or re-share one of ours.

Facebook or LinkedIn asset	Facebook or LinkedIn copy
	⚠️ **Asbestos Awareness Week 2026 starts today** Before you renovate. Before you start work. Before you engage a contractor. Check for asbestos. Think you know where asbestos is found? You might be surprised. If your home or workplace was built before 1990, asbestos may still be present. Identifying asbestos risks before work starts can help protect you, your family, workers and the community. 📹 Watch our educational video series and explore Asbestos 360°: a virtual guide, the new interactive learning experience designed to help Queenslanders build their asbestos awareness. Throughout the week, we'll be sharing videos and resources to help Queenslanders: ✅ identify asbestos risks ✅ understand asbestos responsibilities ✅ make informed decisions before work starts ✅ access trusted asbestos safety information 🔗 Learn more at asbestos.qld.gov.au/AAW2026

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	💻 **Asbestos isn't always obvious.** Before maintenance, renovation or construction work starts, it's important to know where asbestos could be present. Introducing Asbestos360°: a virtual guide - a new, interactive virtual experience designed to help you identify potential asbestos risks in realistic home and workplace environments. Asbestos360° helps to you: 👀 discover where asbestos may be found 🔍 explore environments from every angle 💡 learn what to look for before starting work. The more you know about asbestos, the better prepared you'll be to identify and manage potential hazards. 📹 Explore Asbestos360°: a virtual guide and discover more resources during Asbestos Awareness Week 2026 (23-29 November): asbestos.qld.gov.au/AAW2026

If you would like to download the social media assets, please email safe@oir.qld.gov.au.

Editorial content

Include an article promoting Asbestos Awareness Week 2026 in your internal staff newsletter or share with your external networks.

Asbestos Awareness Week 2026

This week is Asbestos Awareness Week (23-29 November 2026) and it's a timely reminder to stop, think and check before starting any renovation, maintenance or building work on older properties.

While asbestos was banned in Australia more than two decades ago, it's still hiding in many homes, buildings and workplaces built before 1990. If asbestos-containing materials are disturbed, they can release fibres that pose serious long-term health risks.

Whether you're a tradie, do it yourself enthusiast, site manager or simply curious about what that old wall is made of, a few simple checks can make a big difference:

- Stop before you drill, cut, sand or clean.
- Check whether asbestos is present by engaging an asbestos industry professional before starting work.
- Protect yourself and others by following safe work practices and using the appropriate controls when asbestos is identified.

Asbestos-related exposure is preventable. Knowing where asbestos might be and how to manage it safely is one of the best ways to protect yourself, your workmates and your family.

This Asbestos Awareness Week, take a few minutes to understand the risks and learn where asbestos might be hiding by visiting asbestos.qld.gov.au/AAW2026

Resources

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Asbestos 360°: a virtual guide

Asbestos 360°: a virtual guide is a new interactive experience designed to help homeowners, workers and businesses understand where asbestos may be found in older buildings.

Using immersive 360° imagery, you can explore a real home environment, discover common locations where asbestos was used, and better understand potential asbestos risks before starting renovations, maintenance or cleaning activities.

Explore Asbestos 360°: a virtual guide at
asbestos.qld.gov.au/resources/Asbestos-360-virtual-guide



Video resources



This short film captures the clean-up and removal process of asbestos containing dust and debris after a high-pressure water cleaner was used on an asbestos roof.

Watch the film at: youtube.com/watch?v=HwZZ4eoA1JA



Find out how to locate asbestos in a 1950's home at asbestos.qld.gov.au/resources/films/locating-asbestos-1950s-home



Find out how to locate asbestos in a 1960's home at asbestos.qld.gov.au/resources/films/locating-asbestos-1960s-home



Find out how to locate asbestos in a 1970's home at asbestos.qld.gov.au/resources/films/locating-asbestos-1970s-home



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Helpful links

Find practical guidance, tools and resources to help you identify, manage and safely work with asbestos.

Guides:

- Asbestos: a guide for minor renovation
- The home renovators guide to asbestos
- Containment and disposal of asbestos contaminated dust and debris arising from fire damaged buildings

Webinar recordings:

- Know your asbestos: identification and safe removal for small projects
- Asbestos safety for businesses webinar
- Asbestos safety in the community webinar
- Asbestos safety session 2022

For more asbestos films visit asbestos.qld.gov.au/resources/films

Contact us

- For more information about Asbestos Awareness Week 2026, email Strategic Communications at safe@oir.qld.gov.au

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