

# Asbestos in the home

Information  
for   
Solon residents



Call Solon  
0117 916 7777

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# How to manage asbestos in your home

## What are the risks?

Most types of asbestos are not a risk if they are not disturbed. DIY activities such as drilling or sanding may damage products that contain asbestos. This can seriously damage health and requires immediate action.

## Is it asbestos?

Before you disturb or begin DIY on materials in your home that may contain asbestos, you **must** contact Solon.

Without the right knowledge, expertise and personal protection, carrying out work on materials that contain asbestos will put your health and the health of other people at risk.

## Ask before you start work

You must have written permission from Solon before you can carry out any changes to the structure or fabric of your home. This is part of your tenancy agreement.

**Contact the Solon Maintenance Team on 0117 916 7777 before you begin any work or if you need advice about any material in your home.**

Once you have contacted us, we will check whether your proposed works could disturb or damage any areas containing asbestos. We will provide guidance or take action if necessary.

**For more information visit our website:**  
**[www.solonswha.co.uk](http://www.solonswha.co.uk)**

## What to do if you damage asbestos

If you do cause damage to a material you think may contain asbestos, stop work and leave everything (including your tools) in place. Go out of the room, close the door and contact Solon immediately. Do not allow anyone to enter the room.

## What Solon will do

We will respond immediately to check if the damaged material is asbestos and to take any necessary action. High risk materials will be removed from your home.

## Remember...

**DO NOT** panic. The general rule is to always leave asbestos alone. Asbestos is usually safe unless it is damaged or disturbed.

**DO NOT** attempt to carry out any work on insulating boards. This must be done by a licensed asbestos removal contractor.

**DO NOT** drill, cut or disturb asbestos.

**DO NOT** scrape or sand asbestos before painting or decorating. Some asbestos materials are very soft and can release many fibres if rubbed or scraped.

**DO** contact Solon to make sure proper controls can be put in place before you start any work.

## Asbestos aware

Solon has instructed experts to carry out surveys of our properties so we know where asbestos has been used.

We give this information to residents to keep in the kitchen and to show to any contractors. We also store it on a database for use by our maintenance team.

**Asbestos is a building material used in many older properties. Solon advises all residents of the correct way to treat asbestos in the home.**

## **What is asbestos?**

Asbestos is a natural mineral that was widely used to make building materials from the 1950s to the 1980s. Any home built before 2000 may contain asbestos.

Asbestos has often been used outside for corrugated roofing sheets, fascia boards and cladding. Inside it may have been used for flue pipes, artex to ceilings, square plastic floor tiles, boilers, under sinks and for water tanks.

Asbestos materials in good condition are safe unless asbestos fibres become airborne. This happens when materials are damaged. Therefore, it is very important to follow our rules when carrying out work to your home.

## **Want to ask about asbestos in your home?**

If you are worried about any damaged material in your home, contact Solon on 0117 916 7777.

**Do not panic if you have asbestos materials in your home. But do get our expert advice before you start any DIY.**

**You can ask for our leaflets in large print, braille, audio or on computer disc. Call 0117 924 4071**



# Translations

If English is not your first language  
and you need a translation,  
we can get one for you.

## ALBANIAN

Nëse anglishtja nuk është gjuha juaj amtare dhe keni nevojë për një përkthim, ne mund t'ua sigurojmë atë.

## BENGALI

ইংরেজী আপনার মাতৃভাষা না হলে এবং আপনার কোন অনুবাদের প্রয়োজন হলে আমরা তা প্রদান করতে সক্ষম।

## CHINESE

如果英文不是您的第一語言，而您需要翻譯的話，我們可以為您安排。

## GUJARATI

જો તમારી પહેલી ભાષા અંગ્રેજી ન હોય અને તમને ભાષાંતરની જરૂર હોય તો અમે તમને તે આપી શકીએ છીએ.

## HINDI

यदि अँग्रेज़ी आप की पहली भाषा नहीं है और आप को अनुवाद की आवश्यकता है तो यह हम आपको प्रदान कर सकते हैं

## KURDISH

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## POLISH

Jeżeli język angielski nie jest Twoim językiem ojczystym i wymagasz tłumaczenia, możemy to zapewnić.

## PORTUGUESE

Se o Inglês não é a sua língua materna e precisa de uma tradução, nós podemos obtê-la.

## PUNJABI

ਜੇਕਰ ਇੰਗਲਿਸ਼ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਅਤੇ ਤੁਹਾਨੂੰ ਦੁਬਾਸ਼ੀਏ ਦੀ ਜ਼ਰੂਰਤ ਹੈ ਤਾਂ ਤੁਹਾਡੇ ਲਈ ਅਸੀਂ ਇਸਦਾ ਪ੍ਰਬੰਧ ਕਰ ਸਕਦੇ ਹਾਂ।

## SOMALI

Haddii Ingiriisku aanu ahayn afkaaga kowaad oo aad u baahan tahay turjumaad, annagaa kuu samayn kara.

## URDU

اگر انگریزی آپ کی پہلی زبان نہیں ہے اور آپ کو ترجمہ کی ضرورت ہے تو ہم آپ کے لئے فراہم کر سکتے ہیں۔

## VIETNAMESE

Nếu quý vị không thạo Anh văn và cần bản dịch, chúng tôi sẽ giúp quý vị một bản.



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