

MANAGING ASBESTOS



What is it?

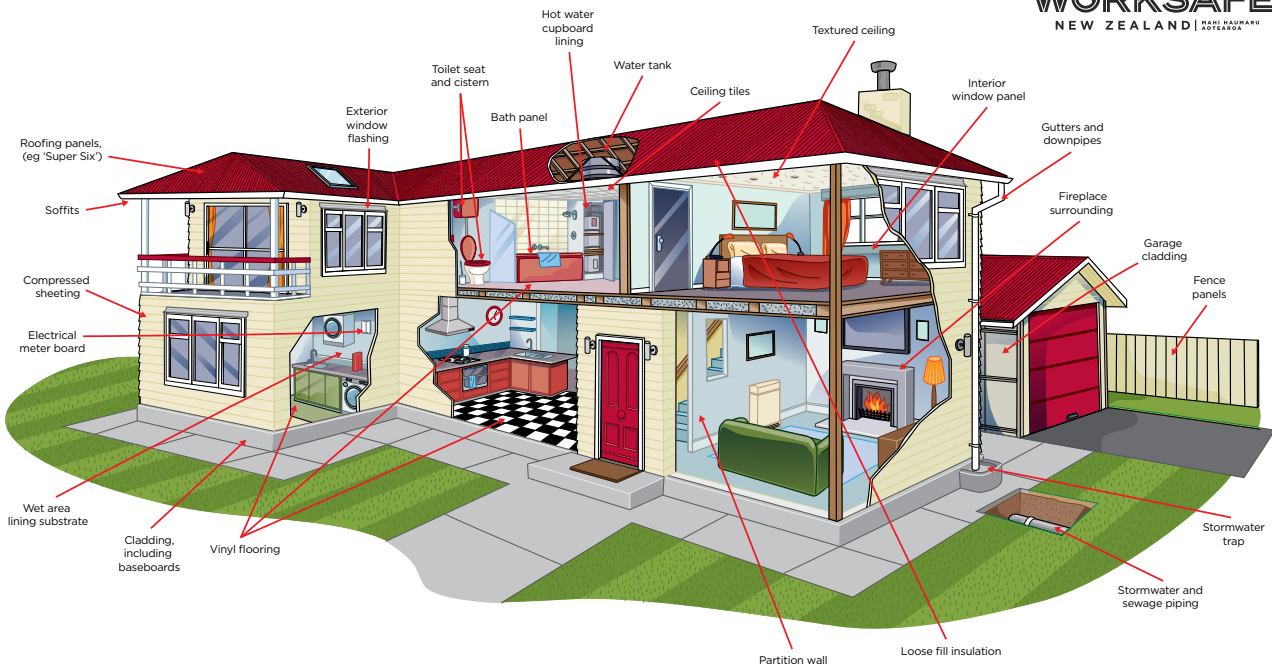
Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral made up of many small fibres. These fibres are very strong and are highly resistant to heat, fire, chemicals and wear. It's a proven human carcinogen, and all forms of it can cause cancer. The main way people are exposed to asbestos is by breathing in air that contains asbestos fibres.

Asbestos exposure is New Zealand's number one workplace killer. If you don't take the right precautions to protect yourself, you're risking your life and your livelihood.

It won't be obvious that you have asbestos in your house/building – which is why we highly recommend getting your house/building tested by a professional contractor. To reduce the financial burden of this on residents, Council has created a process and is providing free asbestos testing for Cyclone Gabrielle stickered properties. Find more information about this on the back of this sheet.

Source: WorkSafe, New Zealand

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Helpful resources/websites

Site Safe www.sitesafe.org.nz/guides--resources/practical-safety-advice/asbestos

Te Whatu Ora www.tewhātuora.govt.nz/our-health-system/environmental-health/hazardous-substances/asbestos

WorkSafe www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/asbestos

The process

We recommend using a professional contractor to deconstruct your house/building. We've created a process to support safe handling of asbestos.

My house/building needs to be checked for asbestos before I start deconstructing/demolishing it.

Contact Hawke's Bay Regional Council for asbestos testing and guidance on **0800 108 838**. Through the **Silt and Debris Recovery Taskforce** the job will be sent onto a contractor to undertake a visit, sampling and provide guidance.

Results negative.
There is no asbestos.

Continue building/ deconstruction work – being mindful of coming across more asbestos. If you do find more seek further advice.

Results positive.
Asbestos has been found.

Use guidance from the contractor to create a plan for asbestos removal.

Prepare building for disposal, making sure items with asbestos are wrapped correctly.

Contact pre-approved company to collect and take items to a pre-approved disposal site.

Sign the contractor checklist – contractors will bring this with them.

Pay invoice – removal is at the homeowner's expense.



Costs

Asbestos testing and guidance from a contractor is funded. The homeowner will need to pay for any associated removal costs (this will vary depending on amount of asbestos found).

Got a question?

Contact reducewaste@hdc.govt.nz

The following contractors could be engaged for the safe removal of asbestos;

Hawke's Bay based

- **Phoenix Demolition:** Hamish Dooney 06 876 4875
admin@phoenixcontracting.co.nz
- **Tims Construction:** Matt Tims 027 546 6417
matt@timsconstruction.co.nz
- **Demolition 1:** Ivan Yukich 027 909 2294
enquiries@demolition.org.nz
- **Hastings Demolition:** Dylan Hemingway 027 756 5074
office@hastingsdemolition.co.nz
- **Central Demolition:** James Hollingshead 027 296 8329
Jamesh@centraldemolition.co.nz
- **Jones Bins:** 06 843 9727

Outside Hawke's Bay

- **Jurgens Demolition:** Cameron Jurgens (06) 344 7926
office@jurgensdemolition.co.nz

This list is not exhaustive, and other contractors may exist who can undertake the work.

