

# INSTALLERS OF KITCHENS & BATHROOMS



## RESIDENTIAL ASBESTOS Checklist for Tradies



Date visually inspected \_\_\_\_\_

Name of property owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



### WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PROPERTY?

To help determine if asbestos is likely to be present in a property, circle the answers to the following:

- Was the home constructed before 1990 (if known)? **Yes / No**
- What is the main material the home is made of? **Brick / Weatherboard / Fibro / Clad**
- Are there any additions or extensions to the building? **Yes / No** If Yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_
- Were there any known renovations conducted before 1990? **Yes / No**
- Are there additional buildings or structures on the site that may contain asbestos such as dog kennels, garages, carports, outdoor toilets or backyard sheds? **Yes / No**

### REMEMBER:

**YOU ARE CONDUCTING A VISUAL INSPECTION ONLY. DO NOT DISTURB ANY MATERIAL THAT MAY BE ASBESTOS. IF A SAMPLE OF MATERIAL IS TO BE TESTED, CONTACT A LICENCED ASBESTOS ASSESSOR OR OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENIST.**

### HOW TO CONDUCT A VISUAL ASBESTOS INSPECTION OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

#### STEP 1: COUNCIL

Check with Council or State and Territory Government if you need to maintain a formal Asbestos Register and Management Plan or if the property may have been affected by loose-fill asbestos (Mr Fluffy) if in NSW or the ACT.

#### STEP 2: WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Visit [asbestosawareness.com.au](http://asbestosawareness.com.au) to view:

- The 20 Point Safety Checklist for Tradies
- 'Asbestos In Your Home – The Ultimate Renovators Guide' and,
- 'Asbestos Product Database' to familiarise yourself with the products that may contain asbestos.

#### STEP 3: EXTERNAL

Start in the front yard of the property. Walk around the yard looking at the various Checklist locations.

#### STEP 4: INTERNAL

Start at the front door. Walk through the home, one room at a time looking at Checklist locations. If you think something may be asbestos, TICK the box 'May Be Asbestos' (MBA). If asbestos 'Requires Repairs' or is in need of paint or is broken, CROSS the box RR.

#### STEP 5: WET AREAS & HEATING

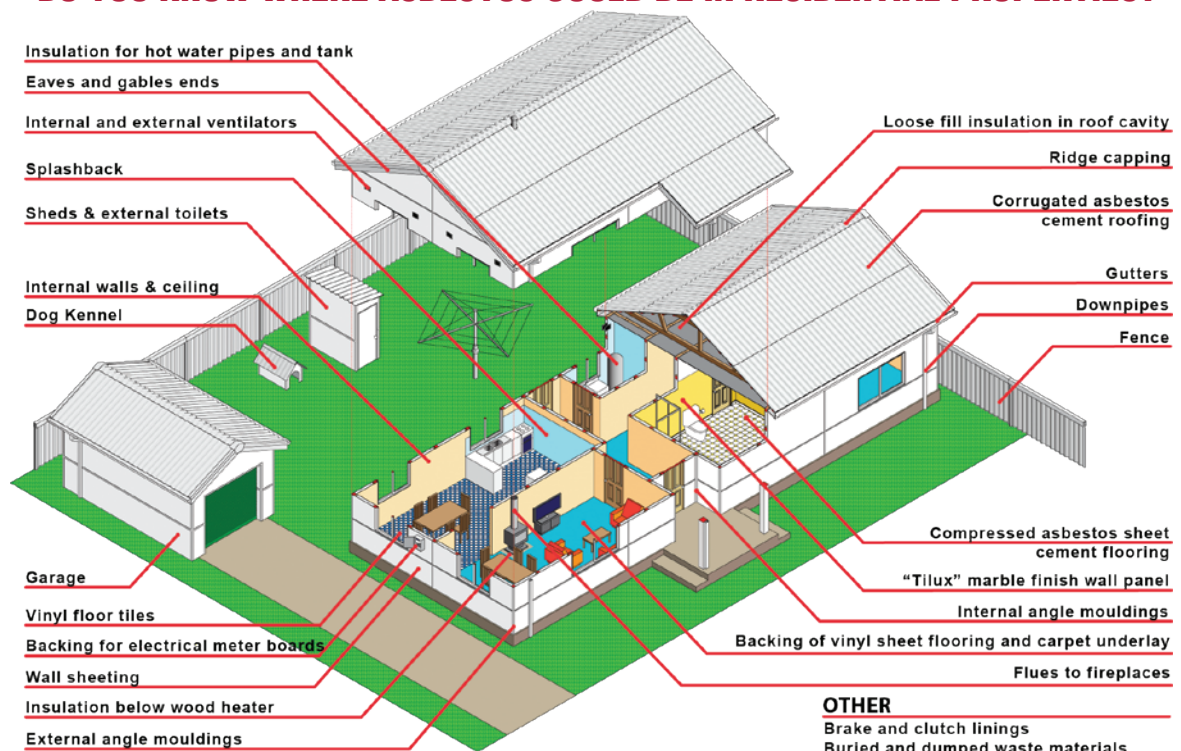
Asbestos products were commonly used in wet areas and with wood-fuelled heating so pay particular attention to kitchens, bathrooms, laundries and fireplaces. If you think something may be asbestos, tick the MBA box.





# 1 IN 3 AUSTRALIAN HOMES CONTAIN ASBESTOS!

## DO YOU KNOW WHERE ASBESTOS COULD BE IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES?





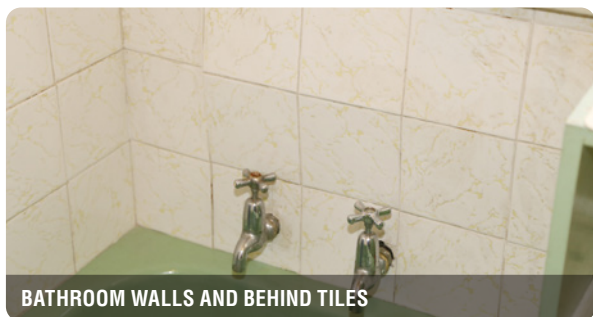
✓ If you think something **'Might Be Asbestos'**,  
TICK the box **MBA**.

✗ If it **'Requires Repairs'**, is in need of paint or is broken,  
CROSS the box **RR**.

EXTERNAL PROPERTY	MBA (Tick)	RR (Cross)
External walls	✓	✗
External angle moldings (on corners)	✓	
Joinery strips (to cover joins)		

## INTERNAL HOME CHECKLIST

BATHROOM 1	MBA (Tick)	RR (Cross)
Asbestos cement sheeting walls		
Asbestos cement sheeting ceiling		
Tilux (coloured, patterned walls)		
Architrave around doorways and windows		
Cornices or moldings		
Joinery strips in walls		
Internal ventilation outlets		
Behind wall paper (sometimes used to disguise asbestos wall sheeting)		
Floor tiles, bathroom carpet lino, vinyl		
Wall tiles		
Lagging: hot water pipes under the sink and behind walls in wall cavities		



BATHROOM WALLS AND BEHIND TILES

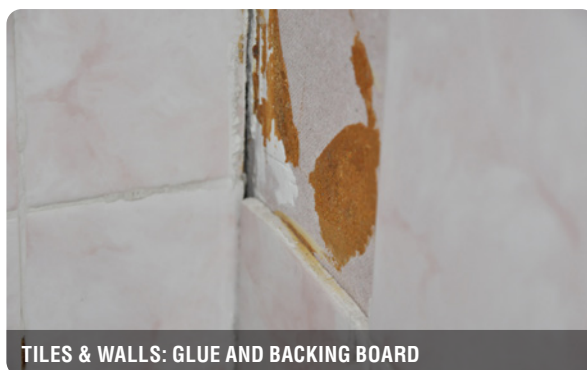


BATHROOM WITH POWDERED TILUX

## DANGER

**DO NOT ENTER CEILING SPACE OR SUBFLOOR AREAS OF PROPERTIES LOCATED IN COUNCIL REGIONS THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS LOOSE-FILL REGIONS.**

To check if your residential worksite is located in an affected area, contact the Council, NSW Fair Trading or the A.C.T. Government.



TILES & WALLS: GLUE AND BACKING BOARD

BATHROOM 2	MBA (Tick)	RR (Cross)
Asbestos cement sheeting walls		
Asbestos cement sheeting ceiling		
Tilux (coloured, patterned walls)		
Architrave around doorways and windows		
Cornices or moldings		
Joinery strips in walls		
Internal ventilation outlets		
Behind wall paper (sometimes used to disguise asbestos wall sheeting)		
Floor tiles, bathroom carpet lino, vinyl		
Wall tiles		
Lagging: hot water pipes under the sink and behind walls in wall cavities		



BEHIND WALL AND FLOOR TILES AND IN ADHESIVES



TILUX, AC WALLS AND INSIDE CUPBOARDS



TILUX SPLASHBACK

KITCHEN	MBA (Tick)	RR (Cross)
Walls		
Ceiling		
Architrave around doorways and windows		
Cornices or moldings including angle moldings and adhesives		
Joinery strips in walls		
Internal ventilation outlets		
Behind wall paper (sometimes used to disguise asbestos wall sheeting). Wall papering was common in the 70s and 80s.		
Floor coverings may include: lino, vinyl floor tiles and ceramic tiles. (fibro sheeting sometimes used to level floors)		
Wall tiles		
Tilux splashbacks		
In older kitchens: Laminate benchtops (Formica) and sometimes vinyl sheeting lining cupboard shelves.		
Asbestos cement sheeting under Vinyl floor coverings		
Oven door seals		
Fire Blankets		
Wall tiles usually above sink		
Flue in fuel stove		
Lagging (insulation): hot water pipes under the sink and behind walls in wall cavities		
Exhaust canopy over stove (asbestos lagging and/or asbestos cement sheeting surround)		



UNDER KITCHEN SINK.  
UNSEALED FIRBO WALL & AROUND PLUMBING



UNSEALED FIRBO SPLASHBACK



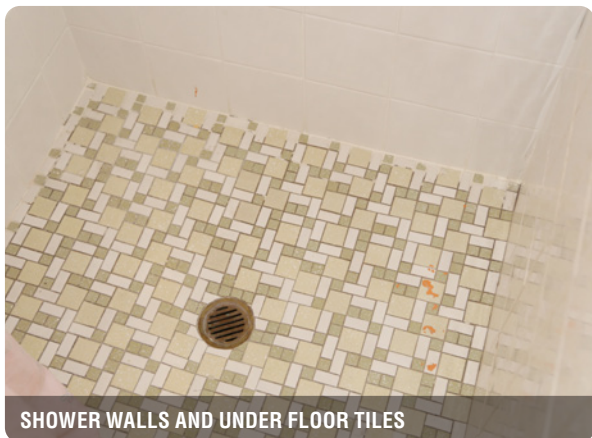
VINYL FLOOR COVERING



AC WALLS AND CEILING

**NOTE:** OTHER THAN WALLS AND CEILINGS, WET AND HEAT AREAS ARE THE MOST COMMON PLACES TO FIND ASBESTOS-CONTAINING PRODUCTS INSIDE THE HOME.





SHOWER WALLS AND UNDER FLOOR TILES



TILUX SHOWER RECESS  
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**REMEMBER:** When doing minor repairs or maintenance refer to Fact Sheets available from [asbestosawareness.com.au](http://asbestosawareness.com.au) For major repairs or removal of asbestos materials, ONLY use licenced asbestos removalists because *it's not worth the risk!*

### Additional Items

ITEM	LOCATION	MBA (Tick)	RR (Cross)

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**ThinkSmart.ThinkSafe.Think**  
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*it's not worth the risk!*



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