

PLUMBERS & DRAINERS



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 1987 (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 1987? **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 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

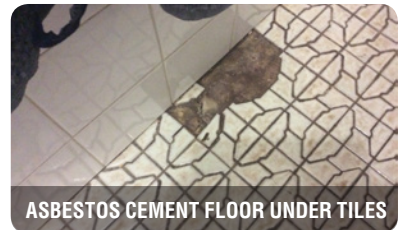
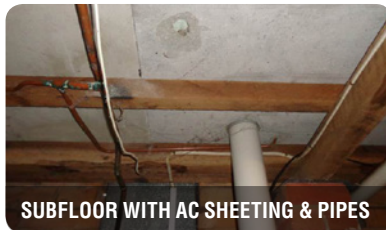
Start in the front yard of the property. Walk around the yard looking at the various Checklist locations.

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.

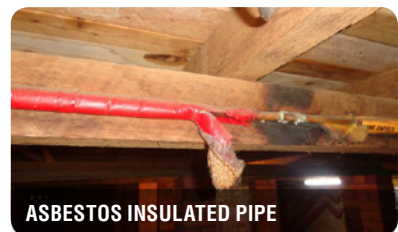
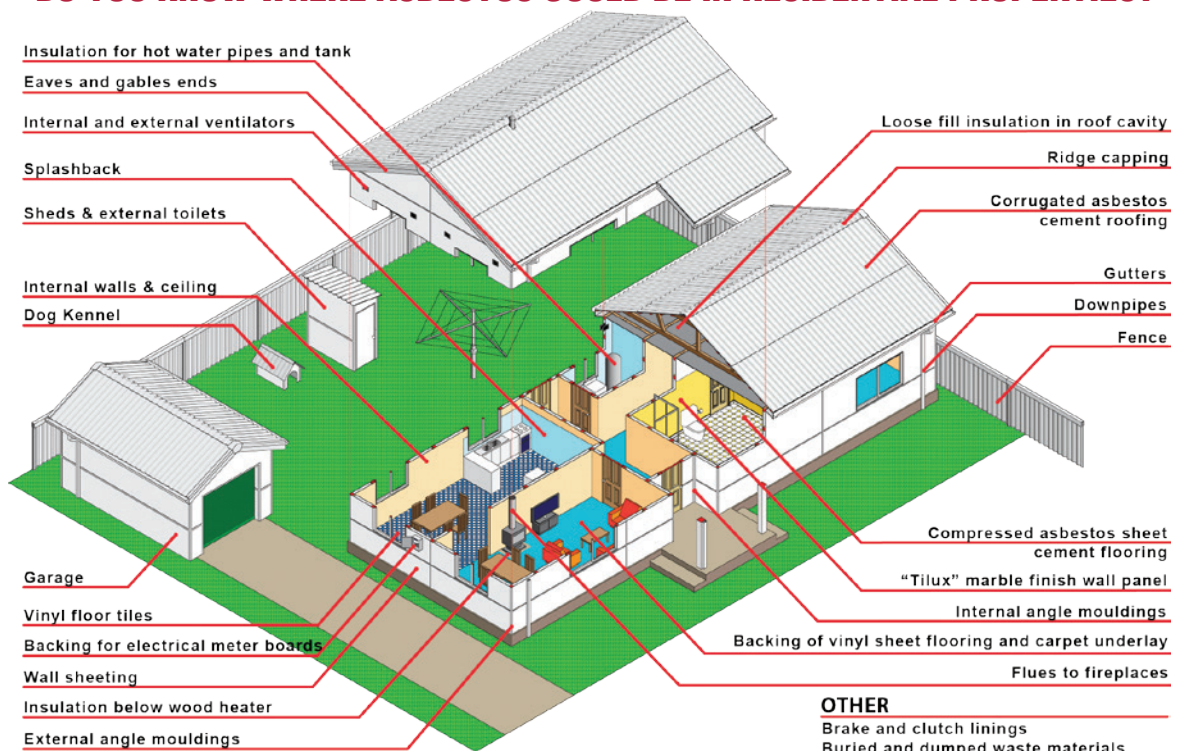
STEP 5: WET AREAS & HEATING

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) | | |

EXTERNAL HOME CHECKLIST

| EXTERNAL PROPERTY | MBA (Tick) | RR (Cross) |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| External walls (asbestos cement (AC) sheeting, corrugated, artificial brick) | | |
| External angle moldings (on corners) | | |
| Joinery strips (to cover joins) | | |
| Architrave around doors and windows | | |
| Roof | | |
| Roof capping | | |
| Guttering | | |
| Downpipes | | |
| Eaves and gables | | |
| External ventilation outlets | | |
| Walls of extension to property | | |
| Cement slabs | | |
| In cement flooring | | |
| Insulation for hot water pipes and tanks | | |
| Electrical meter boards incl. ceramic fuses | | |
| Formwork of cement slabs | | |
| Sealants in air conditioning ducting joins | | |

| HEATING & COOLING | MBA (Tick) | RR (Cross) |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Gussets in ducted air-conditioning systems | | |
| Fireplace, flues | | |
| Hot water system | | |



WATER PIPE SOCKETS AND BENDS

DANGER

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

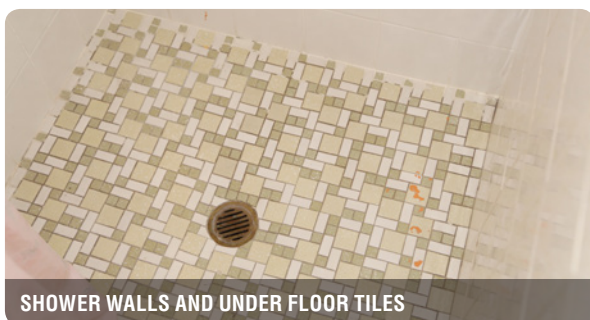
To check if your residential worksite is located in an affected area, contact the Council, NSW Fair Trading or the A.C.T. Government.

| SUBFLOOR SPACE | MBA (Tick) | RR (Cross) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Broken pieces of asbestos sheeting | | |
| Lagging around hot water pipes | | |

| EXTENSION OR GRANNY FLAT | MBA (Tick) | RR (Cross) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| External walls | | |
| External angle moldings (on corners) | | |
| Joinery strips (to cover joins) | | |
| Roof | | |
| Roof capping | | |
| Guttering | | |
| Downpipes | | |
| Eaves and gables | | |
| External ventilation outlets | | |
| Bathroom | | |
| Kitchenette | | |
| Floor coverings | | |
| Fireplace | | |
| Laundry | | |

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 | | |



SHOWER WALLS AND UNDER FLOOR TILES



KITCHEN WITH AC WALLS AND TILUX SPLASH BACK

| 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 | | |

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

| 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 | | |



TILUX SHOWER RECESS
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| LAUNDRY | 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 | | |
| Unlined walls (if exterior wall is fibro and timber framework is visible, the inside walls should be enclosed or sealed with paint) | | |
| Floor tiles, lino, vinyl | | |
| Wall tiles (usually above sinks) | | |
| Lagging: hot water pipes under the sink and behind walls in wall cavities | | |



TILES & WALLS: GLUE AND BACKING BOARD



DISCONNECTER TRAP SURROUND (DT)

| OTHER | | MBA (Tick) | RR (Cross) |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|
| Walls | | | |
| Ceiling | | | |
| 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 coverings – carpet, tiles, lino, vinyl | | | |
| Fireplace | | | |

REMEMBER: When doing minor repairs or maintenance refer to Fact Sheets available from 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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