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.

**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, carparks, outdoor toilets or backyard sheds? Yes / No

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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.

**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.

**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.
1 IN 3 AUSTRALIAN HOMES CONTAIN ASBESTOS!
DO YOU KNOW WHERE ASBESTOS COULD BE IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES?

Insulation for hot water pipes and tank
Reroofing and gables ends
Internal and external ventilators
Splashback
Sheds & external toilets
Internal walls & ceiling
Dog Kennel

Loose fill insulation in roof cavity
Ridge capping
Corrugated asbestos cement roofing
Gutters
Downpipes
Fence

Compressed asbestos sheet cement flooring
"Tiflux" marble finish wall panel
Internal angle mouldings
Backing of vinyl sheet flooring and carpet underlay
Flues to fireplaces

Garage
Vinyl floor tiles
Backing for electrical meter boards
Wall sheeting
Insulation below wood heater
External angle mouldings

OTHER
Brake and clutch linings
Buried and dumped waste materials
## External Home Checklist

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### Important

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### VERANDA (FRONT)
- External walls – AC sheets
- External angle moldings (on corners)
- Joinery strips (to cover joins)
- Roof
- Roof capping
- Guttering
- Downpipes
- Compressed asbestos cement panel flooring
- Ceramic tiles

### VERANDA (REAR)
- External walls – AC sheets
- External angle moldings (on corners)
- Joinery strips (to cover joins)
- Roof
- Roof capping
- Guttering
- Downpipes
- Compressed asbestos cement panel flooring
- Ceramic tiles
- Cement

### GARAGE OR CARPORT
- External walls
- Roof
- Roof capping
- Guttering
- Downpipes
- Eaves and gables
- External and internal ventilation outlets
- Internal walls, ceiling.
- Floorcoverings such as: vinyl tiles or sheeting, ceramic tiles

### OTHER EXTERNAL PLACES
- Cement slabs
- Under houses
- Stored behind sheds
- In the ground or garden beds
- Formwork for garden beds

### ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES
- Outside toilet
- Outside laundry or laundry extension
- Garden sheds
- Dad’s shed
- Dog kennel or other domestic animal shelter such as rabbit hutch
- Chook pens
- Pigeon houses
- Stable or other stock housing
- Machinery sheds
- Water tanks – the cover as well as the exterior and walls covering the peers
- Walls or cement flooring of greenhouse
- Other
INTERNAL

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

### BATHROOM WALLS AND BEHIND TILES

- 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

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