

## Asbestos

### What is Asbestos?

Asbestos is a material which was commonly used in buildings up until the 1980s. Asbestos was banned in Great Britain in 1999 and Asbestos-containing material may still exist in buildings that were constructed or refurbished before 2000. Asbestos does not pose a risk to health if it is undamaged or is in places where it cannot be easily disturbed.

ccha's action of asbestos takes into account government and health and safety executive recommendations. These guidelines suggest that asbestos should be left alone unless it is in poor condition or is likely to be frequently disturbed. This leaflet explains how ccha deals with asbestos.

We have surveyed our properties so we are broadly aware of where asbestos may be. We are also now surveying specific places to find out the type and condition of materials that we believe may be asbestos. When we are sure of what asbestos exists, we will inform you so that you can avoid disturbing or damaging it.

### Where is asbestos commonly found in buildings?

Asbestos is most commonly found in the following locations:

- Insulation of pipes and boilers.
- Some ceiling and floor tiles
- Certain textured coatings that have been applied to walls and ceilings.
- Insulation boards to partitions, asbestos cement flat or corrugated sheets. These were used for things such as gutters, rain water pipes and roofing, in places such as garages and sheds.

### What should I do if materials containing asbestos are damaged?

If you believe a material to be asbestos and it is damaged, report it to ccha who will inspect it to see if you are at any risk.

### You've said that I have asbestos in my house but haven't removed it – why?

Asbestos may be left in place for many years if it is undamaged. If it continues to be undisturbed, there is no danger, especially if it is sealed with paint or plastic film. Therefore, it is not always necessary to remove it.

### Can I decorate and carry out DIY?

Yes, but please take note of any advice that you've received relating to asbestos which may be present in your home. Asbestos materials should not be disturbed, drilled, rubbed down or fragmented in any way. If your improvements are likely to increase the asbestos risk, then you may need written permission to carry out those



works and ensure you comply with asbestos regulations and use specialist contractors.

### **ccha asbestos management policy statement**

ccha recognises the risks associated with asbestos and acknowledges its responsibility to reduce exposure to it. ccha has a programme of survey and inspection and has an Asbestos Register in place to ensure that residents, contractors, and other people coming into contact with ccha properties will have information which reduces their risk of exposure.

ccha is aware that asbestos containing materials do form an important part of some of its properties and, if well maintained, do not present any threat to health.

ccha will also safely remove any asbestos materials as required in line with government guidance.

**If you have any concerns or questions about asbestos in your home, please contact the Compliance Team on 0800 054 6710 or email [customers@ccha.biz](mailto:customers@ccha.biz).**