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What are we doing?

North Ayrshire Council has an ongoing asbestos management plan in place. We carry out management surveys on all housing where possible. Refurbishment surveys are carried out when required on all Capital programmes run by the Council. We use a licenced asbestos removal contractor when working on any asbestos containing material. Do not attempt to remove or disturb any items you think may contain asbestos and contact us for advice.

Further advice and information

As previously discussed asbestos is not a danger to your health as long as it is in good condition. It is vital that you do not saw, sand, drill or break any material that may contain asbestos. If you suspect you have found asbestos in your home and it is in poor condition you should contact the repairs service for guidance.



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# Asbestos in Housing Advice to Tenants



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## What is Asbestos?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral made up of strong fibres which are heat and chemical resistant. Because of its qualities and availability asbestos was widely used in building products predominantly between the 1950s and 1980s. The import and use of asbestos was banned in the UK in 1999 as a result of the known health issues.

## When is Asbestos a problem?

Asbestos containing materials only pose a risk to health if they are damaged or disturbed allowing very small fibres to be released into the air. These small fibres may then be inhaled into the lungs and can cause serious diseases. These diseases will not affect you immediately, they often take a long time to develop. As asbestos is nearly always mixed in with other materials it can be hard to identify without carrying out an asbestos survey. You should not attempt to work on any suspected asbestos material unless it has been tested and confirmed that it does not contain asbestos.

## Where Asbestos might be found?

Asbestos was widely used in house building in Scotland and can be found in a variety of materials around the home. Some of the most common include:

- Textured coating (commonly known as Artex)
- Pipe boxing
- Floor tiles
- Adhesives
- Wall boards (such as cooker panels)
- Roofing materials
- Spray coatings

Please note there are many other uses.

## Typical locations of asbestos containing materials.



This list is non-exhaustive.



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