



Asbestos

Did you know?

Asbestos is found in some older buildings (insulation, tiles) and rarely in some consumer products. Breathing in asbestos fibers can lead to serious health issues such as lung cancer.

Action Plan

- If you are concerned about asbestos in your home, hire a certified inspector.
 - If asbestos-containing materials are in good condition and cannot be reached by kids, it may be best to leave them alone.
 - If materials are damaged or renovations are planned, hire a certified asbestos contractor and make sure all safety regulations are followed.
- Avoid using talc-containing products (talc may be naturally contaminated with asbestos).
- If you work with asbestos (construction, demolition, brake repair): Shower and change clothes/shoes before you drive home. Do not wash work clothes with household clothes.
- Don't smoke cigarettes. In people exposed to asbestos, smoking greatly increases the risk of getting lung cancer.

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Did You Know?

If there is concern of asbestos in a building, New York City building owners are responsible for having an asbestos survey performed by a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)-certified asbestos investigator. To learn more, visit nyc.gov/dep and search "asbestos abatement."

If you are doing work in your home and come across asbestos, make sure your contractor is asbestos certified. To find a certified contractor, visit dol.ny.gov/asbestos-control-bureau and click "Asbestos Contractors Listing."

Resources

For more information about asbestos, visit epa.gov/asbestos or nyc.gov/health and search "Asbestos."

If you have a concern about asbestos that is disturbed or exposed, call 311 or visit portal.311.nyc.gov and search "asbestos complaint."

Parents can request a school's Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) plan, which explains how the school safely addresses asbestos in the building. To learn more about asbestos in schools, visit epa.gov/asbestos and click "School Buildings."

For more information, visit: nyscheck.org/rxs