



WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

Asbestos is the generic term used for a number of fibrous minerals that are found naturally and used predominantly for their thermal and fire retardant properties.

Due to these properties it was used in many products, such as pipes, insulation, tiles and cement, especially in the 1940's and 1960's. With asbestos fibres being linked to a number of lung related diseases use was totally banned in the UK in 1999.

However, asbestos is not just a problem of the past. It can be present today in any building built or refurbished before the year 2000.

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GENERAL ASBESTOS INFORMATION

WHY IS ASBESTOS HAZARDOUS?

Asbestos still kills around 5000 workers each year.

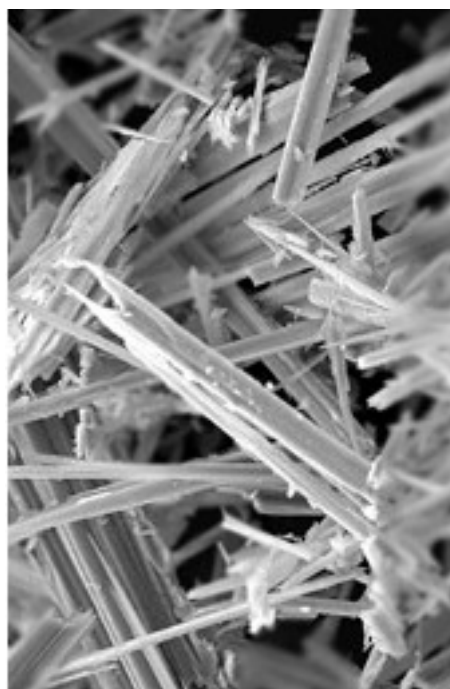
Around 20 tradesman die each week as a result of past exposure.

When materials that contain asbestos are disturbed or damaged, fibres are released into the air. When these fibres are inhaled they can cause serious diseases.

These diseases will not affect you immediately. They often take a long time to develop.

Asbestos can cause the following fatal and serious diseases:

- Mesothelioma
- Asbestos-related lung cancer
- Asbestosis
- Pleural thickening



WHERE CAN ASBESTOS BE FOUND IN BUILDINGS?

- Cement Products: garages, sheds, soffit boards, guttering, roof tiles, fire surrounds, and flue pipes.
- Insulation Boards: walls, ceilings, and doors.
- Sprayed on to steelwork and concrete.
- Insulation to pipes and boilers.
- Board and paper in electrical equipment.
- Ceiling tiles and fire breaks.
- Certain textured surface coatings.

HOW RILMAC CAN HELP YOU DEAL WITH YOUR ASBESTOS

- Asbestos Removal
- Asbestos Repair
- Asbestos Waste Transfer Station
- Asbestos Disposal
- Asbestos Encapsulation
- Asbestos Surveys – Management & Refurbishment / Demolition
- Land Remediation
- Re Insulation
- Asbestos Management Plans
- Asbestos Re-Inspection

Asbestos information and figures from the Health & Safety Executive and ARCA.