



# Dealing with Asbestos

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## Our promise to you

- We will provide you with information about asbestos
- We will offer you advice if you are concerned about asbestos
- We will ensure that the health and safety of you and your family is our main priority at all times
- We will respond to all reports of suspected asbestos in our properties within 24 hours (subject to individual circumstances)
- Fully qualified specialist contractors will take samples if considered necessary
- We will seal or encapsulate asbestos, or remove it if it is damaged
- Only fully licensed specialist contractors will be used to remove asbestos
- We will keep a register of all asbestos found in our properties and make this available to interested parties
- We will not normally remove asbestos materials if they are in good condition, however, we will return to check at your request if you are concerned that they have become damaged

## Facts about asbestos

Asbestos is a subject which can cause concern when people read or hear about its possible dangers, and many people have questions. Building materials containing asbestos were widely used from 1930 to 1980, particularly from 1960 onwards, as its fibres are strong and resistant to heat and chemicals. Some material such as decorative finishes were still being used up to as late as 1988.



## Where is asbestos likely to be found in the home?

Asbestos is a natural mineral, which can be separated into thin but strong fibres. It was often used as an insulation material or woven into fabrics and used as reinforcement for cement, plastics and areas of high fire risk.


It has been found in many common building products including roofing and flooring products, decorative ceiling finishes, floor tiles, pipe lagging/boxing and toilet seats.

## What will be done about asbestos?

As a property owner, Tarka Housing has a legal obligation under The Control of Asbestos Regulations (CAR) 2006, to have a register of the presence of asbestos in its buildings.

Even if asbestos containing products are found in the property it is highly unlikely that the level of asbestos fibres, if any, will be harmful.

However to ensure the safety of our residents, Tarka Housing has undertaken a survey of all its properties built before 1988 in order to identify the presence of any asbestos containing materials, and if necessary to take any appropriate action.



## What should I do if I suspect there is asbestos in my home?

Most importantly don't be unduly concerned. If you suspect that you might have damaged or ageing asbestos in your home, please do not hesitate to contact Tarka's Asset Management Department by calling 01237 428080 during office hours, and we will arrange for a surveyor to call.

## Will you remove all asbestos found in properties?

The advice from the Health and Safety Executive is that asbestos materials in good condition that cannot be easily damaged are best left where they are, as removal could lead to fibres being released into the air.

In general any asbestos material identified in your home will be sealed, or encapsulated. Any that requires removal will be removed by specialist contractors.

## Where can I find out more information about asbestos materials?

If you wish to find out the results of the survey carried out to your home, a register is held at Tarka's head office. Please contact the Asset Management Department if you wish to view the register.





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