

THAMES
VALLEY
HOUSING

ASBESTOS:

**What are the health risks
and where is it found?**

A guide for residents

DANGER
ASBESTOS HAZARD





WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral commonly used between the 1940s and 80s in a range of building materials. The use of asbestos was banned in 1999 after tests showed it can have a damaging effect on the health of those who come into contact with it.

WHY IS IT DANGEROUS?

If breathed in, asbestos fibres can remain in the lungs for a substantial amount of time and cause long term health problems. Asbestos has been known to cause lung cancer, cancer of the chest cavity and thickening of the lung lining which causes breathing difficulties.

Asbestos is not a problem if it is not damaged and is left alone. However, it can be dangerous if it is disturbed by activities like DIY.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Before doing major work, we conduct asbestos surveys and maintain a register of the location, type and risk of materials containing asbestos.

We also follow the guidance and advice of experts. This guidance tells us when asbestos can be left in place and how often to check it. In some cases we will remove the asbestos.

Get in touch with us if you think you've found asbestos in your home. Do not start any DIY work without contacting us first. **Most importantly:** do not touch any damaged asbestos.

TYPICAL LOCATIONS:

Exterior

- ▶ Fascia boards
- ▶ Cladding
- ▶ Soffit boards
- ▶ Drain pipes and guttering
- ▶ Corrugated roof sheets



Interior

- ▶ Textured ceilings / walls
- ▶ Floor tiles
- ▶ Window / door infill panels
- ▶ Panels behind radiators
- ▶ Duct panels over pipes
- ▶ Undersides of staircases



Boilers and other items

- ▶ Interior of boilers
- ▶ Boiler flue pipes
- ▶ Storage heaters
- ▶ Bath panels
- ▶ Sink pads
- ▶ Toilet cisterns



TRANSLATIONS & INTERPRETATION

If you need to contact us about anything, and need an interpreter, call **0300 456 2929** and tell us your language.

We can also provide a large print version of this document.

If you would like any TVH information translated into another language, in large print or audio versions, please contact us on 0300 456 2929.

Si vous souhaitez recevoir une quelconque information de TVH dans une autre langue, veuillez nous contacter au 0300 456 2929.

Jeżeli chcieliby Państwo otrzywać dowolne informacje TVH w innym języku, prosimy o kontakt pod numerem telefonu: 0300 456 2929.

Haddii aad jeceshahay in luqad kale lagugu turjumo macluumaadka Thames Valley Housing (TVH), fadlan nagala soo xiriiir 0300 456 2929.

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