

# Asbestos in your home

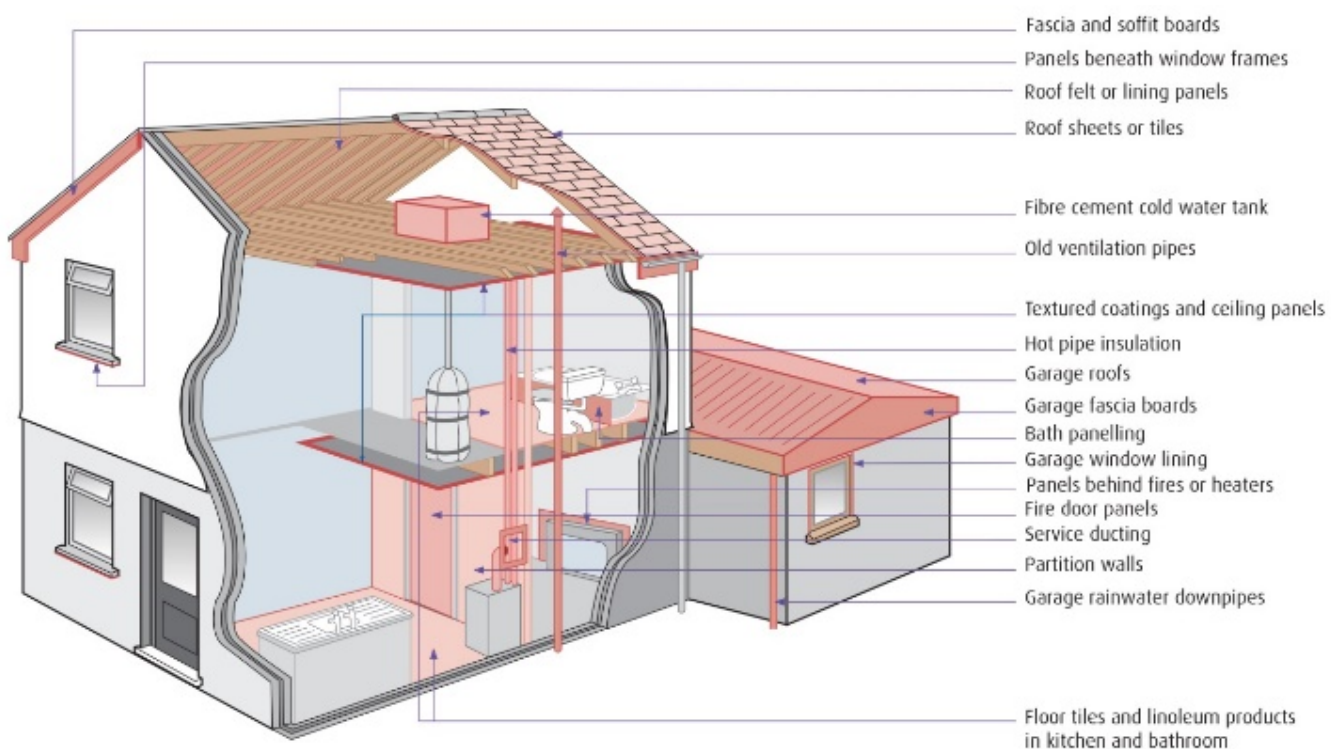
Many people have worries regarding asbestos, but if left undisturbed and in good condition it poses no risk.

## What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral that has been used in a range of building materials to make them more rigid and fire resistant. These types of building materials are known as asbestos-containing materials or ACMs. Asbestos was used in the UK from the 1930s through to the late 1990s.

## Areas in your home where you may find ACMs

This diagram shows the possible locations of asbestos products. Common locations will include vinyl / plastic floor tiles, textured coatings (artex) soffit boards and corrugated cement sheets to shed roofs.



## Cottsway Procedure

Cottsway hold survey reports for the majority of our homes built before 2000. We re-inspect these properties on a rolling 3 year plan to check the condition of known asbestos locations. Surveys are also carried out prior to any refurbishment works and without this survey the works will not take place. Refurbishments would typically include kitchens, bathrooms, heating systems and Aid & Adaptations projects. This survey is then added to our rolling 3 year plan for re-inspection.

## Tenant Alterations / DIY

If you are considering carrying out any alterations within your home, you must contact us for a Landlords Permission Form (LLP). If permission is granted we will then check our records to determine whether any asbestos containing materials are likely to be disturbed within your planned works.

Asbestos containing materials in good condition and left undisturbed are safe.

If you suspect that any asbestos containing materials have deteriorated, please contact us.

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