



ASBESTOS FACT SHEET

ABOUT ASBESTOS

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral made up of thin, fibrous crystals. It was widely used in construction and other industries due to its heat resistance, strength, and insulating properties.

Though asbestos was banned in the UK in 1999, it still remains in some buildings, and is recognised as a serious health hazard.

The launch of the HSE's "Asbestos: Your Duty" campaign emphasises the significance of understanding and fulfilling legal obligations in managing asbestos. It underscores that everyone, from property owners to occupants, plays a crucial role in mitigating exposure risks.



ASBESTOS TYPES & PRESENCE

Asbestos can be present in various buildings constructed before the year 2000. Common locations include:

Ceiling Tiles, Insulation, Pipe Lagging, Roofing Materials, Floor Tiles and Textured Coatings (e.g., Artex).

- **Chrysotile (White Asbestos):** This type of asbestos was commonly used in building materials such as cement sheets, ceiling tiles, and roofing materials.
- **Amosite (Brown Asbestos):** Found in insulation products, ceiling tiles, and thermal insulation products.
- **Crocidolite (Blue Asbestos):** Used in spray-on coatings, pipe insulation, and cement products.

It's estimated that 1.5 million buildings in the UK contain asbestos.

HEALTH RISKS

Exposure to asbestos fibres can lead to severe health issues, including:

- **Mesothelioma:** A rare but aggressive form of cancer that is known to occur following exposure to asbestos.
- **Asbestosis:** A chronic lung condition characterised by scarring of lung tissue, leading to breathing difficulties.
- **Lung Cancer:** Asbestos exposure increases the risk of developing lung cancer, particularly in smokers.

There are over 5,000 asbestos-related disease deaths per year.

HOW TETRA CAN HELP

Tetra Consulting offers comprehensive asbestos management services to help organisations navigate the complexities of dealing with asbestos-containing materials.

Tetra can help ensure compliance with industry regulations, providing clients with confidence in the quality and reliability of their asbestos management solutions. We provide:

- Asbestos Surveys (UKAS accredited)
- Risk Assessments
- Remediation and Removal Project Management
- Training Courses
- Competent Support

(further details overleaf)

WE PROVIDE:

Asbestos Surveys to identify the presence, type, and condition of asbestos-containing materials within your premises. These surveys are essential for assessing the risk and developing an effective management plan.

Risk Assessments to assess the risks associated with asbestos exposure in your building, helping you to prioritise actions and allocate resources appropriately.

Management Plans tailored to your specific needs and compliance requirements. These plans outline procedures for managing asbestos safely and effectively.

Remediation and Removal Project Management - we manage these processes to help ensure compliance with regulations and best practices.

Training Courses to raise awareness and empower your team, helping them to identify and respond appropriately to potential asbestos hazards.

Competent Support is available to provide ongoing assistance and monitoring to ensure the effectiveness of your asbestos management.

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