



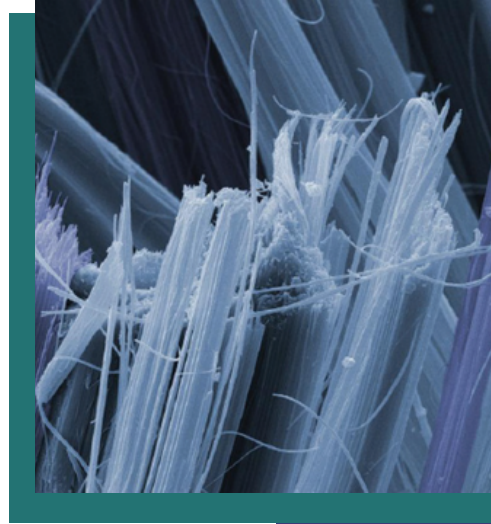
# ASBESTOS FACT SHEET

## 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.

## Find out more:

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