

# Asbestos FACT SHEET



## RENOVATING? Think Smart. Think Safe. Think Asbestos.

It's not worth the risk!

**In Australia, a complete ban of asbestos and its products became effective in 2003. Newly manufactured items such as heaters and stoves may have contained asbestos up until this time.**

Most people can't tell whether building materials contain asbestos just by looking at them.

If you are not sure if asbestos is in your home or if it is in good, stable condition, you can have your home inspected by a licensed removalist or occupational hygienist.

Studies have shown if asbestos products are in a sound condition and left undisturbed, they are not a significant health risk.

Council's Development Assessment & Compliance Section can also provide you with guidance on approval requirements for demolition, re-development and building construction, asbestos management and removal of asbestos containing materials.

**Council is not a licensed asbestos removal contractor.**



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Whether a home is constructed of brick, weatherboard, fibro or is clad, asbestos can be present in ANY home built or renovated before 1987 – even apartments.

### Quick Links

For information on how to safely manage asbestos in your home visit the following websites:

**Asbestos Awareness**  
[asbestosawareness.com.au](http://asbestosawareness.com.au)

**SafeWork NSW**  
[safework.nsw.gov.au](http://safework.nsw.gov.au)

**Asbestos Wise**  
[asbestoswise.com](http://asbestoswise.com)

**Port Stephens Council**  
[portstephens.nsw.gov.au](http://portstephens.nsw.gov.au)

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RENOVATION ROULETTE?



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## DO:

- Increase your awareness of asbestos and the management of this product.
- Check your home – if it contains bonded asbestos products, check to see it is in good condition.
- Leave any bonded asbestos products alone, but remember to check occasionally for any signs of wear and tear.
- Ensure it is painted and left alone. Asbestos fibres remain firmly bonded in a solid cement sheet or structure and generally you do not need to remove the asbestos.
- Inform any tradespeople of the areas containing asbestos if known when engaging them to undertake building or renovation works.
- Leave it alone if you are in doubt – better to treat it as if it contains asbestos – with caution.

## DO NOT:

- Cut it or Saw it!
- Drill it!
- Drop it!
- Sand it, Scrape it or Scrub it!
- Water blast it!
- Dismantle it, Demolish it or Tip it!



## How to dispose of asbestos

Take Asbestos Waste to Newline Road Waste Facility – the only site in Port Stephens that accepts asbestos material.

Newline Road, Raymond Terrace Ph: 02 49834100

**Whatever you do, Do Not Illegally Dump it!**



## Important

If fire, hail, or water blasting damages bonded asbestos, it may become friable asbestos material.

Friable asbestos material must be managed and removed by a licensed Friable Asbestos Removalist.

