Asbestos Awareness

Fact sheets for home owners/ACT residents

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There are two forms of asbestos - both of which may be in houses in the ACT.

The first is referred to as friable asbestos. Although this form of asbestos was not commonly used in Canberra homes, loose-fill asbestos insulation is an example of friable asbestos and this is known to have been used in a number of Canberra homes.

In recognition of the public health risks associated with loose-fill asbestos insulation, there was a Loose Asbestos Insulation Removal Program in the ACT in the late 1980"s. It is unlikely however that the Program removed all the loose-fill asbestos insulation in all ACT homes.

The second form of asbestos - “bonded” asbestos - is in a large number of Canberra homes. As was common across Australia, many homes built before 1985 will have building materials containing bonded asbestos and these are most commonly in the bathroom, laundry, kitchen, eaves and garage/shed of a house. Generally, if this form of asbestos is in a good condition and left undisturbed, it does not pose a health risk.

The following Fact Sheets are available for home owners/residents in the ACT.

Important Asbestos Advice for ACT homes built before 1985

Engaging a Licensed Asbestos Assessor - Why, When and How

Engaging a Licensed Asbestos Removalist - Why, When and How

Loose Asbestos Insulation in the ACT

How do I know if my house had loose-fill asbestos insulation removed?

The Three Phases of Loose Asbestos Insulation Removal Program