



**ASBESTOS**  
**What you  
need to  
know**



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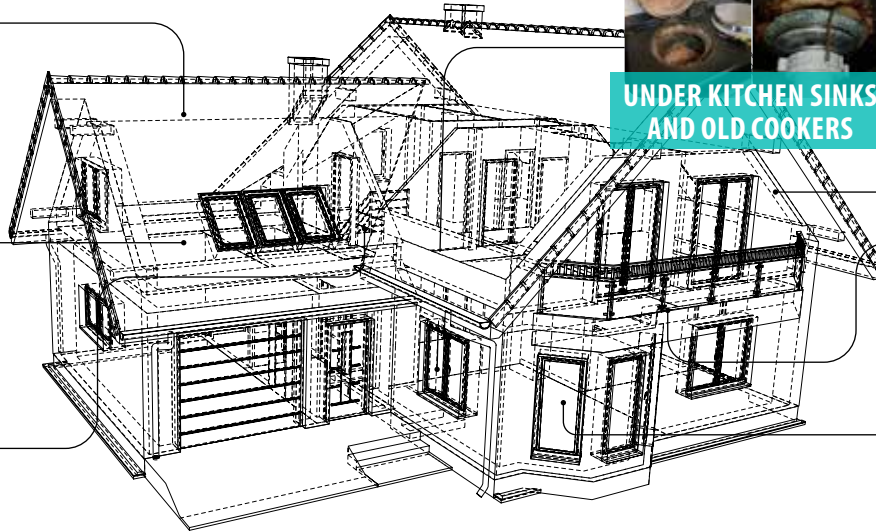


INSULATION



HEATING SYSTEMS

## Where asbestos can be found



UNDER KITCHEN SINKS AND OLD COOKERS



WALLS



CEILING



FLOORING

## The six main types of asbestos:



Crocidolite



Tremolite



Amosite



Anthophyllite



Chrysotile



Actinolite

Asbestos is a hazardous material that was commonly used in building materials until the late 20th century. Exposure to asbestos fibres can lead to serious health issues, including lung cancer, asbestosis, and mesothelioma. It is crucial to manage and dispose of asbestos safely and in accordance with legislation.

### Legislation

In Ireland, the management and disposal of asbestos are governed by the following regulations:

- Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Exposure to Asbestos) Regulations 2006: These regulations set out the requirements for the safe handling of asbestos in workplaces and specify actions that must be taken to protect workers and the public from exposure.

- Waste Management Acts 1996 to 2020: Under these acts, asbestos waste must be disposed of at a designated facility that adheres to strict environmental and health standards.

- Building Control (Amendment) Regulations 2014: These regulations require that any work involving asbestos must be carried out by a competent person.

### Where can Asbestos be found?

Asbestos can be found in any industrial, commercial, public or residential building built or refurbished before the year 2000. Asbestos was widely used in a large variety of construction materials for a number of purposes e.g. flooring, walls, ceiling, roofs, heating systems & equipment. A detailed survey will be required to identify where asbestos is present in your building. An asbestos survey must be carried out by a competent person.

### Who is likely to be exposed to Asbestos?

- Demolition Contractors
- Electricians
- Telecommunication
- Engineers
- Roofing Contractors
- Gas Fitters
- Painters, Decorators & Plasterers
- Fire and Burglar Alarm Installers
- Construction Contractors
- Building Surveyors
- Joiners
- General Maintenance
- Heating & Ventilation Engineers
- Builders & Plumbers
- Computer Installers
- Shop fitters

### Safety Precautions for the Public

If you suspect you have asbestos in your property, please follow these crucial safety precautions:

1. **Do Not Disturb:** Asbestos is safe if it is left undisturbed. Do not attempt to remove or disturb any materials that may contain asbestos.
2. **Identify Asbestos:** If you believe asbestos may be present, hire a qualified professional to carry out an inspection. They can take samples and assess if asbestos is present and how to manage it safely.
3. **Engage a Licensed Contractor:** If asbestos removal is necessary, hire a licensed contractor who is trained and equipped to handle hazardous materials. Ensure that they have the proper certifications.
4. **Wear Protective Equipment:** If you are near an area suspected of containing asbestos, wear protective equipment such as masks, gloves, and coveralls to minimize exposure.
5. **Notify Authorities:** If you come across asbestos materials in a public place, report it to Kilkenny County Council immediately. For private properties, notify the property owner or relevant parties.

## Proper Disposal

Asbestos must only be disposed of at licensed waste facilities. Please do not dispose of asbestos in regular household waste. Improper disposal can pose serious health risks to the community and the environment.



The National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) is designated as the National Competent Authority for the processing of all new and review Waste Collection Permits (WCP) applications for Ireland. Details of Waste Collectors with a valid WCP to collect asbestos waste are available on <http://www.nwcpo.ie/permitsearch.aspx>

The HSA have overall responsibility for the administration and enforcement of asbestos of Health and Safety at work including relating to asbestos.



Check out the HSA web page on [www.hsa.ie](http://www.hsa.ie) Reporting Concerns and/or Find a Registered Contractor

If you have any concerns about asbestos in your home or public areas, please contact the Kilkenny County Council Environment Department at [environment@kilkennycoco.ie](mailto:environment@kilkennycoco.ie) or call 056-7794470

Contact the National Waste Collection Permit Office to get a registered contractor at [contactus@nwcpo.ie](mailto:contactus@nwcpo.ie) or call 057-9373710 from 9am to 4p.m. Monday to Friday excluding Public Holidays.