

# Asbestos

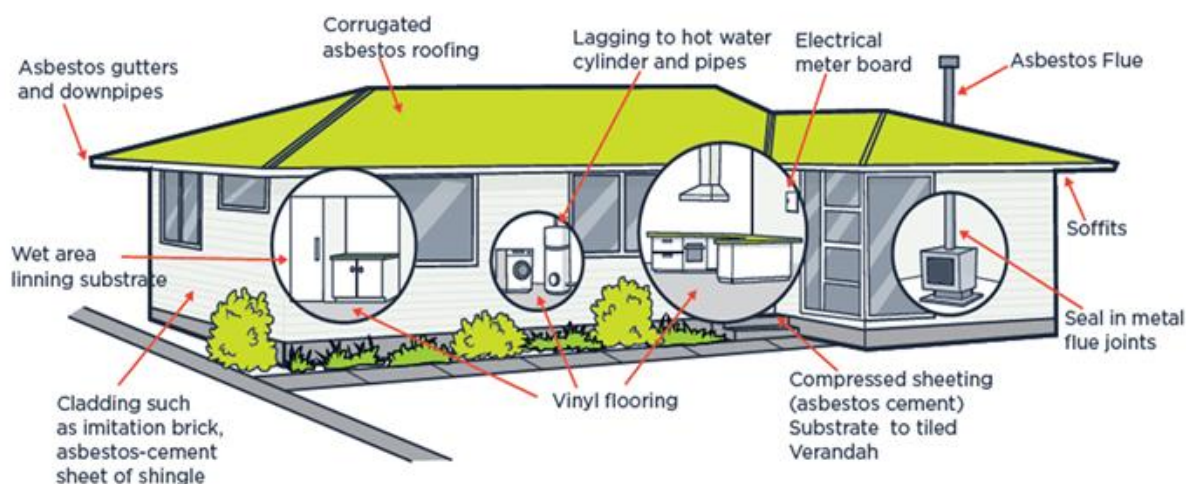
Auckland Council has recently published a Practice Note about Asbestos. A copy of this PN ([AC2262 Asbestos](#)) can be found on our website.

As a general rule, if a building was constructed:

- Before mid-1980s it is **very likely** to have materials containing asbestos
- Between mid-1980s and 1990 it is **likely** to have materials containing asbestos
- After 1990 it is **unlikely** to have material containing asbestos

Asbestos can be found in many building materials, including but not limited to the places depicted in the picture below.

## Buildings likely to contain asbestos



Stringent procedures must be followed if asbestos is discovered during construction. Work methods, equipment and safety procedures must be in accordance with the New Zealand Guidelines for the Management and Removal of Asbestos.

Whatever the circumstances, it is essential that an asbestos removal plan is developed by a Certified Asbestos Remover and implemented whenever any asbestos-contaminated material is to be removed. Asbestos may only be removed by a person holding this license; the contractor must notify WorkSafe NZ when such work is carried out.

For further information please refer to our website or the [worksafe nz website](#).