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Asbestos Management

This session

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Why is this important?

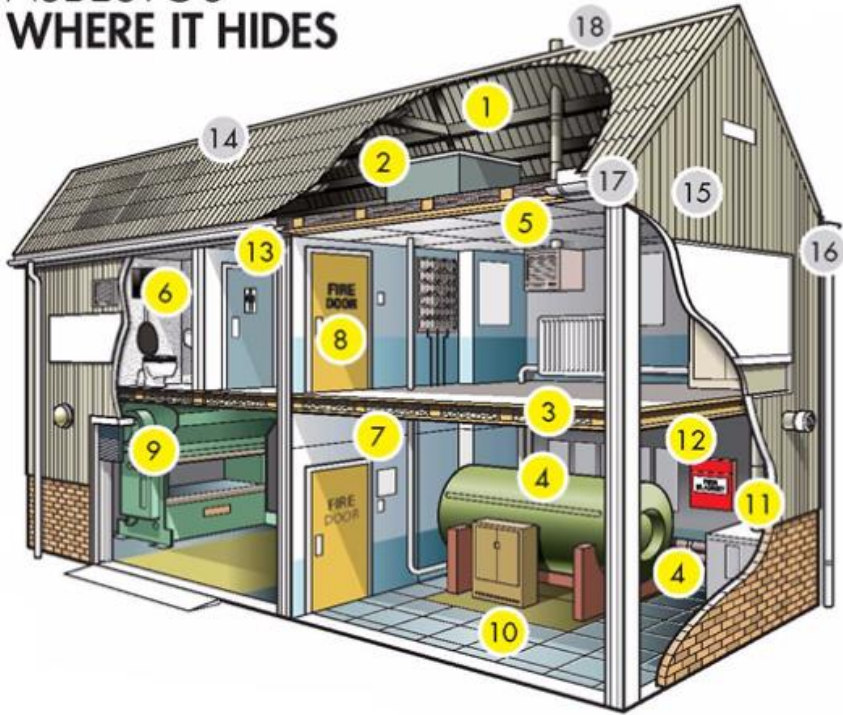
- Asbestos still kills around 5,000 workers each year; this is more than the number of people killed on the road.
- Around 20 tradespeople die each week as a result of past exposure.
- New use of asbestos was completely banned in November 1999 but if already present it was left in situ.
- It can be, and often is, present today in any building built or refurbished before the year 2000.

Asbestos can cause the following fatal and serious diseases:

- Mesothelioma: a cancer which affects the lining of the lungs (pleura) and the lining surrounding the lower digestive tract (peritoneum)
- Asbestos-related lung cancer
- Asbestosis - Asbestosis is a serious scarring condition of the lung
- Pleural thickening - lining of the lung (pleura) thickens and swells

**The good news is asbestos is only dangerous when disturbed
If it is safely managed and contained, it doesn't present a health hazard.**

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WHERE IT HIDES

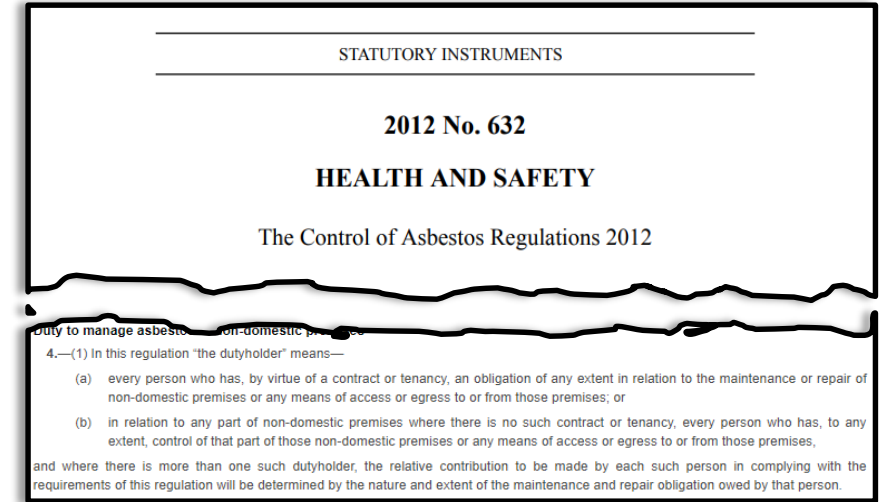


These are just examples. It was used in over 4,000 known products including some you might not expect and it's exceptionally hard to identify visually or without being an expert.

1. Sprayed coatings on ceilings, walls, beams and columns
 2. Asbestos cement water tank
 3. Loose fill insulation
 4. Lagging on boilers and pipes
 5. AIB ceiling tiles
 6. Toilet seat and cistern
 7. AIB partition walls
 8. AIB panels in fire doors
 9. Asbestos rope seals, gaskets and paper
 10. Vinyl floor tiles
 11. AIB around boilers
 12. Textiles eg fire blankets
 13. Textured decorating coatings on walls and ceilings eg artex
 14. Asbestos cement roof
 15. Asbestos cement panels
 16. Asbestos cement gutters and downpipes
 17. Soffits – AIB or asbestos cement
 18. Asbestos cement flue
- AIB = Asbestos Insulating Board

Who is responsible for managing asbestos safety

- The Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 (CAR 2012) specify the legal dutyholder is:
 - **the owner**or
 - **whoever has responsibility for the maintenance or repair of premises is responsible**
- An agreement such as a tenancy agreement or contract may specify who has responsibility for maintenance and repair
- In some cases, there may be no tenancy agreement or contract or it may not specify who has responsibility for the maintenance or repair
 - **In these cases, or where the premises are unoccupied, the duty is placed on whoever has control of the premises, or part of the premises.**



- If you are not responsible for repair or maintenance in the building, such as a school or church hall, you need to ask for a copy of the asbestos management plan and any revisions,
- This will ensure Executive Committees and Leaders are aware of the materials present and the emergency procedures should accidental damage occur.

What does the law say we must do?

- take reasonable steps to find out if there are materials containing asbestos in non-domestic premises, and if so, its amount, where it is and what condition it is in
- presume materials contain asbestos unless there is strong evidence that they do not
- make, and keep up-to-date, a record of the location and condition of the asbestos- containing materials - or materials which are presumed to contain asbestos
- assess the risk of anyone being exposed to fibres from the materials identified
- prepare a plan that sets out in detail how the risks from these materials will be managed
- take the necessary steps to put the plan into action
- periodically review and monitor the plan and the arrangements to act on it so that the plan remains relevant and up-to-date
- provide information on the location and condition of the materials to anyone who is liable to work on or disturb them

There is also a requirement on others to co-operate as far as is necessary to allow the dutyholder to comply with the above requirements.

Can we do the survey ourselves?

- No
- The survey must be undertaken by a competent professional asbestos surveyor
 - Specialist role – specific qualifications and experience
 - Not a building surveyor
 - The work must be undertaken in compliance with CAR 2012
 - The surveyor will manage the asbestos risk during the surveying process
 - The survey report will provide the information you need for your asbestos management plan
- For these reasons the Health and Safety Executive website states:
“HSE strongly recommends the use of accredited or certificated surveyors for asbestos surveys. The dutyholder should not appoint or instruct an independent surveyor to carry out a survey unless the surveyor is competent.”

What this means in practice?

- Professional asbestos survey in place
- Create an asbestos management plan
 - Take key information from the survey
 - Template and example asbestos management plan is available on the Scouts website
- Put the plan into action
 - If you need to work to be undertaken on asbestos you must check if you need to use a licenced contractor
 - Do not attempt to remove or dispose of any asbestos yourselves – seek professional advice
- Undertake regular visual inspections as defined in your plan
 - The plan will define how often to inspect to check it has not deteriorated but it must be at least yearly
 - Photos can be helpful as a comparison and to identify change
 - Keep a record of your inspections
- Regularly review your plan

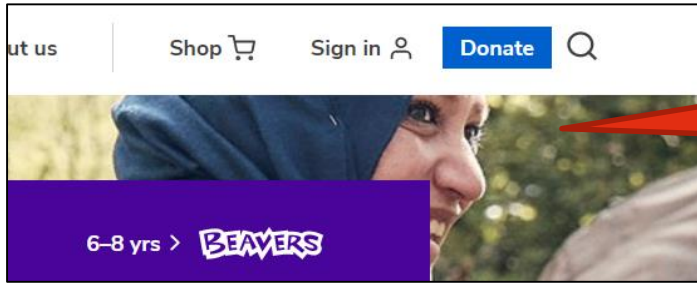
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- Check your premises – ensure surveys are in place to identify asbestos
- Where asbestos is present have management plans in place
- Regular inspections

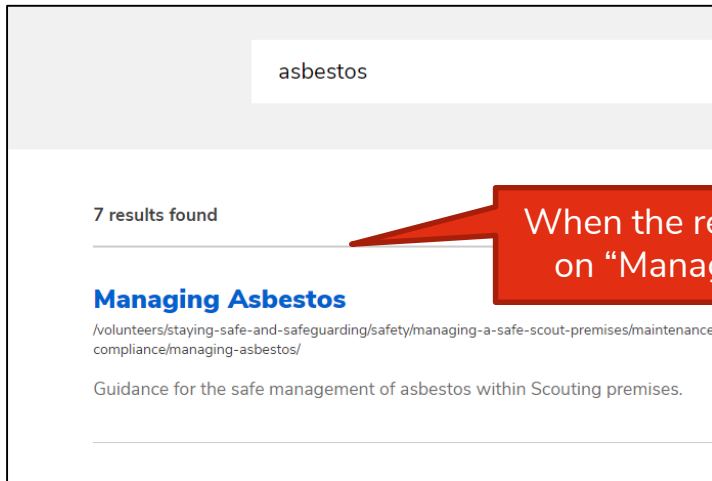
- Ensure Executive Committee members understand their responsibilities
- Document and pass on information to relevant people – including users and contractors
- Seek help, support and training if you are unsure

Where can we get help and guidance?

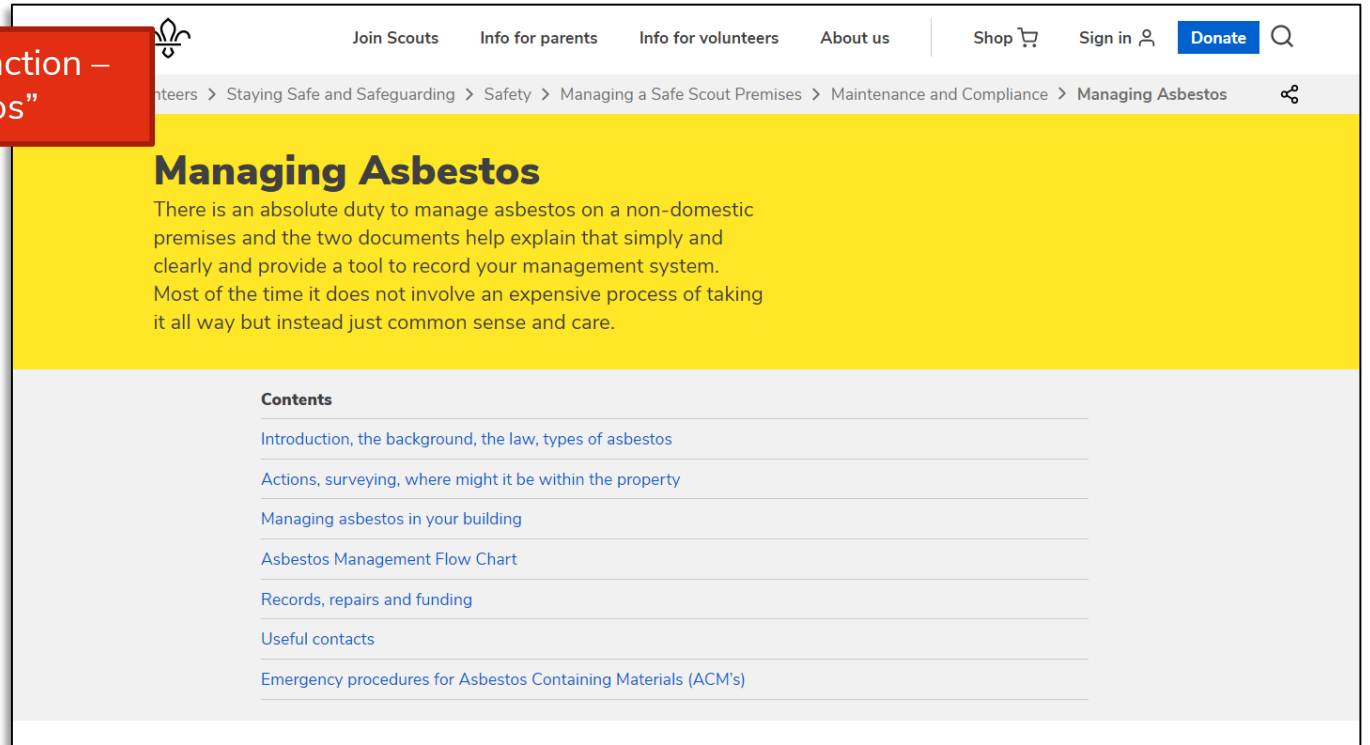
- The Scouts website has a guidance section on managing asbestos



Use the search function – enter “asbestos”



When the result appear click on “Managing Asbestos”



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