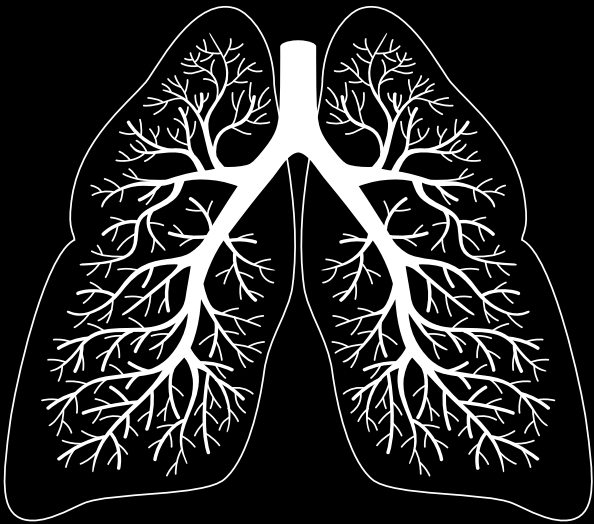


Asbestos Kills



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Think

Asbestos was widely used in the construction of buildings in Jersey prior to 2000.

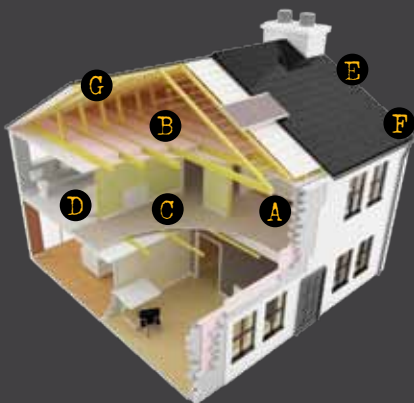
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deaths in the UK every year are caused by diseases related to exposure to asbestos fibres.

Symptoms develop between 15 - 60 years after exposure to asbestos. It will not affect you immediately – but may do later in life.

Anyone who works in buildings and disturbs asbestos is at potential risk.

Many buildings in Jersey constructed prior to 2000 still contain asbestos. Here are some of the ways it has been used in commercial and residential properties...



- A** Asbestos Insulating Board (AIB)
- B** Sprayed coating
- C** Textured decorative coatings
- D** Pipe insulation
- E** Asbestos cement roof sheeting
- F** Rainwater items
- G** Loose asbestos in ceiling and wall cavities

Ask

Find out if asbestos is present before commencing work on materials that may contain asbestos.

Don't assume, obtain a copy of the **asbestos management plan** for the building or if it is a domestic property ask to see the **asbestos survey**.

Act

Make sure that anyone who is likely to come across asbestos has received asbestos awareness training.

Certain types of asbestos can only legally be worked with by licenced asbestos removal contractors. These are commonly referred to as licensed materials.

Ensure that work with unlicensed materials is only carried out by trained workers. This type of work requires to be carefully planned.

Arrange for the safe disposal of any asbestos waste.

Check that your insurance covers you for working with asbestos.

Three steps to avoid exposure...



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Think

- Are you at risk?
- Don't work on anything suspicious
- Refer to the ACoP



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Ask

- What is in the building?
- Have samples taken



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Act

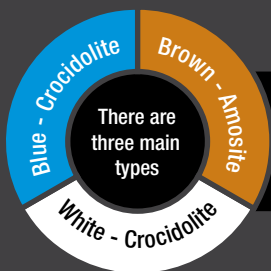
- Undertake Asbestos Awareness training



The Law

The Health and Safety at Work (Jersey) Law, 1989, the Asbestos - Licensing (Jersey) Regulations, 2008 and the Approved Code of Practice for the Management of Exposure to Asbestos set out legal requirements which cover work with all types of asbestos containing materials. They place duties on all those involved with working activities.

Further information of these requirements can be found on the Health and Safety Inspectorate section of the States of Jersey website www.gov.je/hsi



But as it was often mixed with other materials it can be hard to know if you've found it or not.



Further information

Links

- Jersey Construction Council - www.jerseyconstruction.org/jerseysafetyci
- HSI website - www.gov.je/hsi
- HSE asbestos website - www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos