

ALL ABOUT ASBESTOS



Asbestos is a mineral fiber that occurs in rock and soil which can increase your risk of lung diseases like cancer, mesothelioma, and asbestosis according to the EPA. Asbestos fibers can be released into the air from disturbances related to home repair and remodeling.

So what do you need to know about it? Read on to find out!

1 BANNED OR NOT BANNED?

Asbestos was never fully banned from use in building materials. The EPA's "Ban and Phase-Out Rule" was overturned by Federal Court in 1991.



2 WHAT IS PROHIBITED?

The materials in which the use of asbestos is prohibited include insulation on boilers, tanks, and pipes, spray-on fire proofing, and certain decorative items. Drywall, joint compound, floor tiles, ceiling and wall texture, glues, mastics, and much else require testing prior to demolition.



3 TESTING FOR ASBESTOS

New and old houses and buildings require an asbestos survey report prior to demolition/ renovation. If asbestos is suspected in materials that need demo, set up a containment/isolation barrier and request an Operations & Maintenance Survey.



4 THIRD-PARTY TESTING

Testing of materials must be conducted by a licensed third party. This testing can be conducted during or after business hours.



5 REMOVING ASBESTOS

Materials that contain 1% or more asbestos must be removed and disposed by a licensed Abatement Contractor. In MA, any materials which contain between 0-1% asbestos can be removed by non-licensed contractors. However, it must be packaged and disposed of by a licensed Abatement Contractor (310 CMR 7.15).



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