Asbestos in the Home

Asbestos removal and what to do if you think your home may possibly contain asbestos.

Where are you likely to find asbestos?

Common locations are:-

- Asbestos cement on garage or shed roofs
- Asbestos cement in shed or garage wall panels
- Asbestos cement gutters and drain pipes
- Asbestos cement Insulation boards soffit, infill panels and partitions
- Asbestos cement on the side of bath panels
- Asbestos cement cold-water cisterns.
- Asbestos insulation of warm-air heating systems

If your home is rented your landlord may have relevant information on the whereabouts of asbestos in the building.

Homes built before the 1990's are more likely to contain asbestos than more modern homes.

What to do if you have asbestos in your home?

The general rule is it is always best to leave asbestos alone. It's usually safe unless it's damaged or disturbed.

Paint indoor materials with an alkali resistant paint such as PVA emulsion and never sand, drill or saw asbestos materials.

Always seek advice before thinking of removing asbestos and follow the basic rules below if carrying out removal work.

Do not attempt to remove asbestos lagging, spray coatings or large areas of insulation board by yourself as the materials can only be safely removed by a licensed contractor.

Sometimes it will be necessary to take a sample, for example to identify the type of asbestos. This should usually be left to an expert contractor.

Disposal of Asbestos Waste

Asbestos cement can be disposed of by householders at the Tythegston or Brynmenyn civic amenity sites. You will need an appropriate tip note before you will be admitted to the site with asbestos waste for which there may be a charge. Contact 01656 643443 for details.

Asbestos Do's and Don'ts

- Don't panic if you think you have asbestos in your home - it's usually only a problem if disturbed.
- Do treat asbestos with respect.
- Don't drill, saw or disturb materials that contain asbestos.
- Do seek advice if you think you have a problem with asbestos in your home.