



Remember: Asbestos exposure is potentially harmful. However when asbestos is properly regulated and managed, it poses minimal human risk.

SO WHO DO YOU CALL?

Please refer to the table below for regulatory or other points of contact relating to **specific asbestos issues**. Contacts are in order of relevance.

Issue	Contact
Analysis of samples	Laboratories accredited with the National Association of Testing Laboratories (NATA) Phone: 9486 2800 www.nata.com.au
Damaged asbestos (due to fire, hail, storms)	Your insurer for owners. The owner or landlord for tenants. Possibly local government or Department of Health – if you have additional concerns
Diseases and support	Asbestos Diseases Society or Cancer Council
Disposal	Local government or Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Dumped material	The property owner or local government
Identification	Department of Health or National Association of Testing authorities (NATA) www.nata.com.au
Licensing	Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety
Mines or mine sites	Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Issue	Contact
Removalists	Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety
Safety at work	Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety
Safety for home or public	Local government or Department of Health
Schools	The school principal or Department of Education
Soil contamination	Local government or Department of Health
Transportation	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Workplace	Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

This publication is available on request in other formats for people with special needs.

NRS: 13 36 77
Telephone: 1300 307 877
Email: safety@dmirs.wa.gov.au

www.dmirs.wa.gov.au

Asbestos regulators and information sources





Asbestos was used extensively in building products in Western Australia until 1987. Although its use has now ceased, there is still a widespread presence of asbestos in the community.

Asbestos may be found at home, in public places or at work – depending on the age of the building or fencing. As asbestos exposure is potentially harmful, there are a range of regulations regarding its handling and removal.

This document provides contact details for asbestos regulators and information sources.

ASBESTOS REGULATORS

Department of Health – Environmental Health Hazards Unit

Oversees asbestos legislation relating to public and residential situations and provides asbestos advice including guidance on asbestos contaminated soil.

Phone: (08) 9222 2000

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/asbestos

Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety

Regulates and audits all aspects of asbestos in workplaces, licenses asbestos removalists, conducts periodic audits of licensed persons, provides advice on the management of naturally occurring fibrous materials and enforces mines safety regulations relating to asbestos at mining operations.

Phone: 1300 307 877

Email: safety@dmirs.wa.gov.au

www.dmirs.wa.gov.au (search 'asbestos licence' or 'asbestos')

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Regulates and provides advice on safe transport and disposal of asbestos materials.

Phone: (08) 6467 5000

www.dwer.wa.gov.au

Local government

Enforces Department of Health asbestos legislation and provides advice on local asbestos issues.

See local government directory for your local contact details at www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au

OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Several other government agencies have regulatory responsibility for management of asbestos in government owned buildings and facilities. Contacts are as follows:

Department of Communities

Manages asbestos issues associated with its properties.

Phone: 1300 137 677 (public housing maintenance only)

Email: asbestos@communities.wa.gov.au
(all other asbestos queries)

Department of Education

Manages asbestos issues in school buildings and other facilities under its control.

Phone: (08) 9264 4111

www.education.wa.edu.au

Department of Finance

Coordinates the review and remediation of asbestos in government managed premises across metropolitan and regional Western Australia.

Phone: (08) 6551 1000

Email: asbestos@finance.wa.gov.au

www.finance.wa.gov.au

ASBESTOS ASSISTANCE

Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia

ADSA is a charitable organisation providing support to people with asbestos-related diseases.

Phone: 1800 646 690

Email: website@asbestosdiseases.org.au

www.asbestosdiseases.org.au

Asbestos Safety and Eradication Authority

ASEA provides a national focus on asbestos issues, including providing a register for personal asbestos exposures.

Phone: 1300 326 148

Email: enquiries@asbestossafety.gov.au

www.asbestossafety.gov.au

Australian Asbestos Network

Provides a wide range of information on asbestos issues.

www.australianasbestosnetwork.org.au

Cancer Council Helpline

Provides information and support for people affected by cancer, health professionals and the community.

Phone: 13 11 20 (local call)

www.cancer.org.au

Reflections

Provides support and advice for asbestos disease sufferers and their families.

Phone: 1800 031 731

www.reflections.org.au

