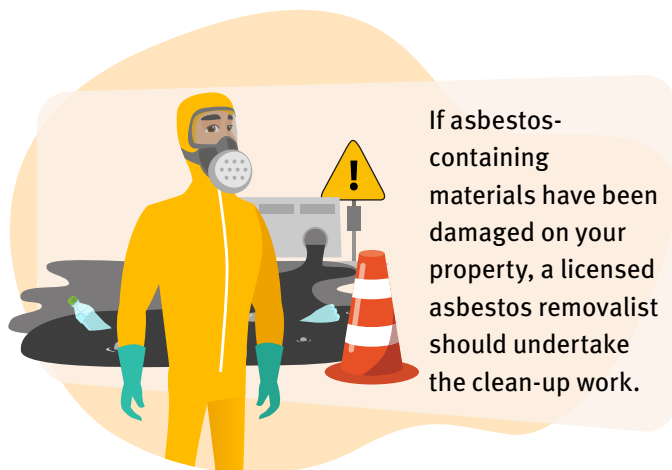


Protect yourself from asbestos



Asbestos is a natural mineral fibre found in many Queensland houses. It isn't dangerous to our health when it's in good condition.

When asbestos is moved or damaged, for example during a cyclone, severe weather or a fire—the fibres in the material can become airborne. These fibres can be easily breathed in and can be harmful.



If asbestos-containing materials have been damaged on your property, a licensed asbestos removalist should undertake the clean-up work.

When visiting or cleaning-up, you can reduce the risk of airborne fibres from asbestos-containing materials by:

- ✓ keeping material wet when moving it
- ✓ not breaking or damaging the material
- ✓ cleaning materials with a garden hose or by hand to avoid damaging them
- ✓ not using power tools on the material.

After a disaster

Contact 13 QGOV (13 75 68):

- ✓ for advice on safe clean-up of asbestos materials around your property
- ✓ to get an asbestos removal certificate
- ✓ to engage a licensed asbestos contractor.

Contact your local council:

- ✓ if you are worried a building containing asbestos could collapse
- ✓ if you are concerned about a neighbour not taking precautions when cleaning up asbestos.

Contact Workplace Health and Safety Queensland on 1300 362 128 if:

- ✓ you are concerned about a business or tradesperson not taking precautions when cleaning up asbestos
- ✓ you are concerned about a building fire involving asbestos.

Visit asbestos.qld.gov.au to learn more about common places asbestos can be found in the home.

Call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) at any time.

Contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68) for your nearest Public Health Unit.

