

Information on Asbestos

1. Asbestos disease includes lung cancer, emphysema and other serious lung diseases. It is usually associated with people having chronic workplace asbestos exposure in the workplace, before current concerns caused changes to industry. Asbestos in the home can be a concern as well.
2. Asbestos disease is usually caused by fibers being disturbed and then being released into the air.
3. If your house dates from before the late 1970s, it is very possible that it was built with some kind of asbestos. After that period, the Federal Government began its ban on further production. Asbestos was used in insulation, piping products and various floor and finish materials.
4. The majority of homeowners risk large-scale exposure only when asbestos is disturbed during repairs and there is no certainty that contractors know how to safely handle asbestos.
5. Determine the training and background of those you choose to do your repair work. If you still have doubt or concern, hire a trained asbestos abatement contractor to first do the removal.
6. Most insurance companies will not reimburse for asbestos removal. In fact, almost all homeowner policies exclude asbestos related removal or repairs.