

**Asbestos is a mineral fibre. In the past, asbestos was mixed with cement to make it stronger and easier to mould into different shapes and sizes, such as fiber cement cladding.**



## Is asbestos dangerous?

Asbestos in fibro sheeting can present a health risk if the sheeting is cut or sanded, causing the physical release of the asbestos fibres. This material is considered safe if it is left undisturbed and is in good condition.

## Is asbestos still used?

No, since 1986 asbestos has been banned for use. Fibro sheeting that may contain asbestos is still present in many homes, built before 1986. It was usually used as wall cladding, in eaves and in wet areas such as bathrooms and laundries.



## What do I do if I suspect there is asbestos material in a property?

If you think asbestos may be in your home, don't panic! If asbestos material is in good condition, and is left alone, it is harmless. If damages have been caused to sheeting that you believe may be asbestos, please contact Report A Repair on 1800 603 300.