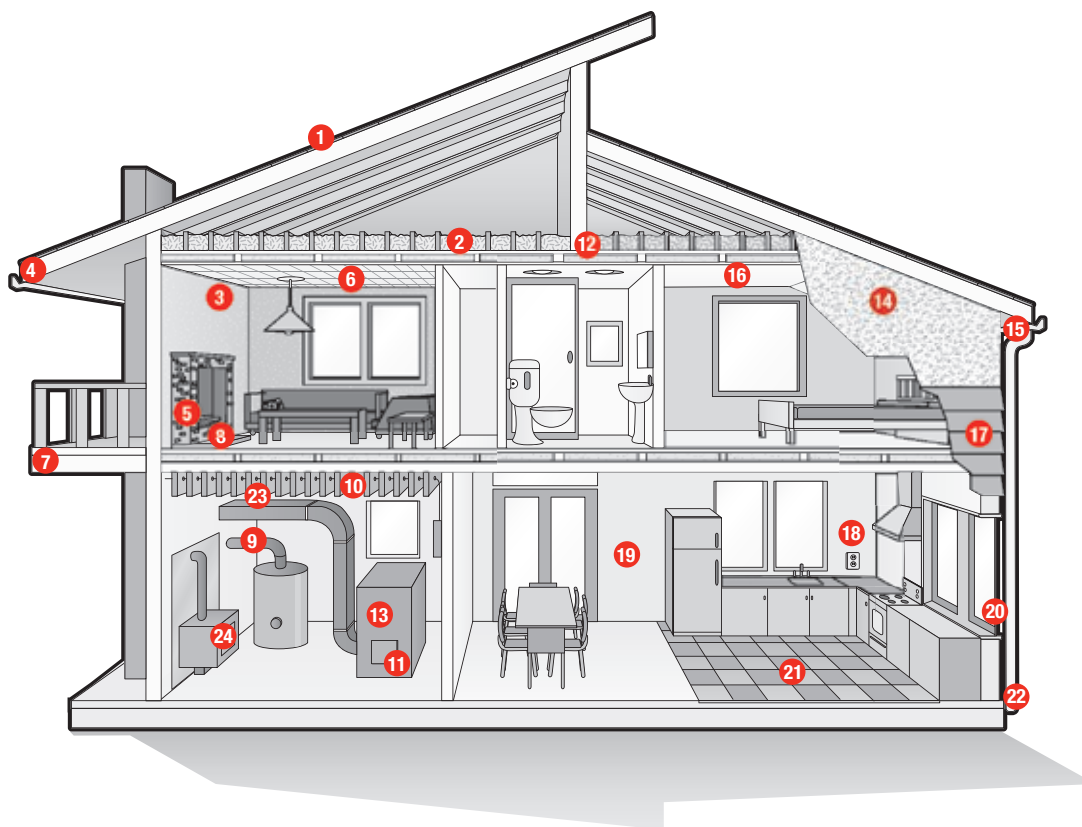


# Asbestos – what you need to know:

- Many homes and offices built prior to 1990 contain some form of asbestos
- Asbestos can be found in more than 3,000 building materials
- Asbestos-related lung diseases are preventable, and yet, remain the single largest killer of workers in Manitoba
- Most of those workers who have died from exposure to asbestos fibres were in the construction trades

## Is asbestos lurking in your home? Here are some potential sources:



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| <b>1</b> Roof felt and shingles                          | <b>9</b> Pipe insulation   | <b>15</b> Soffit boards can be made of asbestos cement or asbestos insulating board             | <b>20</b> Window putty   |
| <b>2</b> Loose, blown-in insulation, such as vermiculite | <b>10</b> Main panel and fuse box; each fuse wire has an individual asbestos flash guard | <b>16</b> Textured or stipple-coated walls and ceilings   | <b>21</b> Flooring: vinyl tiles and linoleum sheet flooring; flooring adhesive |
| <b>3</b> Incandescent light fixture backing              | <b>11</b> Door and gasket covers   | <b>17</b> Asbestos cement (transite) board siding and undersheeting                             | <b>22</b> Downpipes can be made of asbestos cement                             |
| <b>4</b> Roof gutters can be made of asbestos cement     | <b>12</b> Backing behind recessed lighting   | <b>18</b> Outlets and switches  | <b>23</b> Insulation on electrical wires                                       |
| <b>5</b> Artificial fireplace logs and ashes             | <b>13</b> Boiler and furnace insulation  | <b>19</b> Gypsum board filling compound, and patching and joint compound for walls and ceilings | <b>24</b> Heat reflector for wood stove  |
| <b>6</b> Acoustic tiles                                  | <b>14</b> Asbestos can be found in stucco  |   |  |
| <b>7</b> Deck under-sheeting                             |  |   |  |
| <b>8</b> Asbestos pad under the fireplace hearth         |  |   |  |

# Asbestos – what you need to know:

The safe removal and disposal of asbestos is a shared responsibility. Homeowners, contractors, and workers all have a role to play. If your home was built before 1990, here are the steps you should take to keep everyone safe when renovating or demolishing your home:

## Test for asbestos: Hire a competent consultant

- 1 Find a qualified reputable company to perform an asbestos inventory. Potential companies can be found from sources such as the yellow pages and **SAFE Work Manitoba's Occupational Safety and Health Resource Guide**.
- 2 Ask the consultant how long they've been in business.
- 3 Make sure the consultant has the appropriate training and experience to perform an asbestos inventory. Ask for references.
- 4 The consultant should provide you with an asbestos inventory and control plan.

## Asbestos removal: Hire a competent contractor

- 1 Hire a reputable contractor to do the asbestos removal. Potential companies can be found from sources such as the yellow pages and **SAFE Work Manitoba's Occupational Safety and Health Resource Guide**.
- 2 Make sure the contractor has the experience, equipment (e.g., negative air units, personal protective equipment, hoarding) and safe work procedures to safely remove the asbestos.
- 3 Ask the contractor how long they've been in business and if they **notified Workplace Safety and Health about the abatement project**.
- 4 After the asbestos removal, the contractor will provide you with air clearance from your consultant (or the consultant can provide to you directly) indicating if the abatement area is ready for occupancy.

For more information on the safe detection and removal of asbestos visit [safemanitoba.com](http://safemanitoba.com)