



Around 74% of homes in the Shire of Wellington contain asbestos. And they're not all as obvious as you may think.

Asbestos was used in more than 3,000 products, including 2,000 building products.

Could asbestos be in the way of a renovation or extension you are planning?

Do you need to carry out minor work on a sheeted wall?

Are you pulling out an old shower or water heater or some insulated pipe?

Are you planning to pressure-wash your roof or walls that may contain asbestos?

There is no safe and easy way to handle asbestos, just as there is no easy way to tell if it even is asbestos.

It is critical that you do your research and proceed with caution.

If you have any concerns regarding the removal of asbestos, please contact Wellington Shire Council's Building Unit on **1300 366 224**.



How to find a licensed removalist

For information on asbestos removal in the home, go to asbestos.vic.gov.au or view the other fact sheets provided in this kit.

To find a current list of licensed removalists, go to worksafe.vic.gov.au

Council will always recommend that a licensed removalist is contracted to manage and remove any and all asbestos-containing materials.

Where to dispose of asbestos

The requirements for the transport and disposal of asbestos waste are very specific. To prevent asbestos fibres escaping into the environment, it is critical that asbestos waste is wrapped and packaged prior to transport.

Council will accept correctly wrapped domestic asbestos at the Kilmany Resource & Recovery Centre. It must be double-wrapped in heavy black builder's plastic in 20kg (maximum) packages and no greater than 1.5m in size, and labelled "asbestos waste" so that it is easily identified as a dangerous substance.

Asbestos not correctly wrapped will not be accepted.

- Kilmany Resource & Recovery Centre
Valore Road, Kilmany
By appointment only. Tel: 1300 130 129

For information about handling asbestos, please refer to the PPE fact sheet or visit asbestos.vic.gov.au

For information about asbestos disposal, call the Environment Protection Agency on **1300 372 842** or visit epa.vic.gov.au

Asbestos complaints — who to call

Due to the public health risks associated with asbestos exposure, you are encouraged to report any concerns.

Call Council's Building Unit on **1300 366 244** if you are unsure where to direct your complaint.

An old shed that looks like asbestos is being demolished on my neighbour's property:

Contact Council's Building Unit on **1300 366 244** if you believe unauthorised asbestos removal may be occurring.

A contractor/business is removing asbestos in my street or workplace:

Contact WorkSafe on **1800 136 089** if you believe asbestos is being removed illegally or unsafely.

I've found dumped asbestos:

Contact Council's Local Laws Unit on **1300 366 244** or use Council's *Local Laws* if you have located material that may contain asbestos.

I am concerned about asbestos on an industrial site:

Industrial transport and storage of asbestos is licensed by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). You can notify EPA if you have any concerns by calling **1300 372 842**.



Follow the golden rule – if you think it might be asbestos, treat it like it is.

REMEMBER: THERE IS NO KNOWN SAFE LEVEL OF ASBESTOS EXPOSURE

DANGER ASBESTOS DUST HAZARD



For more information about asbestos visit:

wellington.vic.gov.au

asbestos.vic.gov.au

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