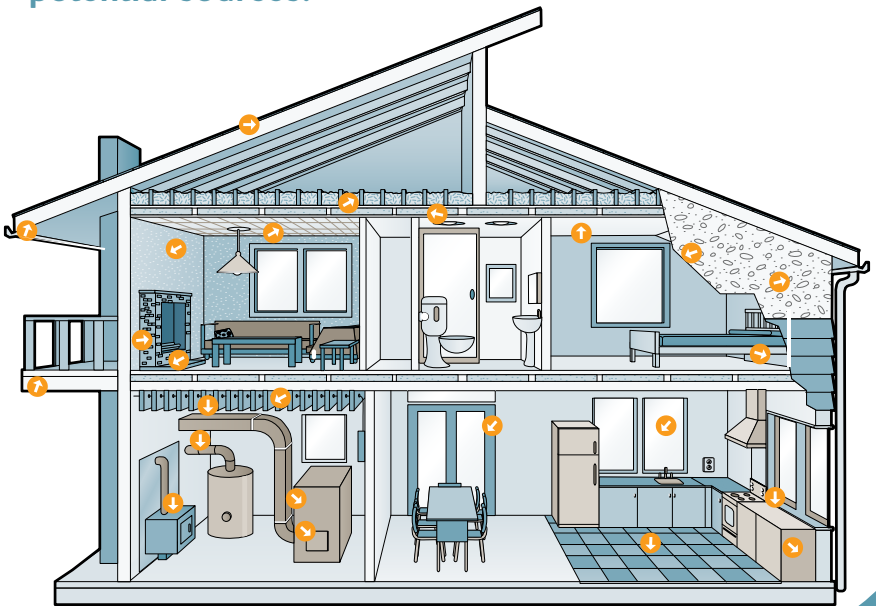


# Asbestos — what you need to know:

- 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, asbestos remains the single largest killer in B.C.
- 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:



→ Indicates potential locations of asbestos

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

- 1 Find a qualified reputable company to test for asbestos
- 2 Ask the testing company how long they've been in business, are they registered with WorkSafeBC, do they have a business licence, and if they have an exposure control plan
- 3 Make sure the surveyor or technician has the appropriate certification/designation and experience
- 4 The company will provide you with an asbestos survey report

## Hire a qualified contractor

- 1 Hire a qualified reputable contractor to do the asbestos removal
- 2 Ask the contractor if they're registered with WorkSafeBC, how long they've been in business, and if they have a business licence
- 3 Make sure the contractor has the experience, equipment and knowledge to safely remove the asbestos
- 4 After the asbestos removal, the contractor will provide you with a written confirmation that the asbestos has been removed

For more information on the safe detection and removal of asbestos — including FAQs for homeowners — visit [worksafebc.com/asbestosbeaware](https://worksafebc.com/asbestosbeaware).