

Asbestos

What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a general name given to several naturally occurring fibrous minerals that have crystallised to form fibres. Asbestos fibres do not dissolve in water or evaporate, they are resistant to heat, fire, chemical and biological degradation and are mechanically strong.

The properties of asbestos made it an ideal material for use in a number of products, including insulation material for buildings, boilers and pipes and floor tiles, insulating board to protect buildings; asbestos cement for roofing sheets and pipes.

Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012

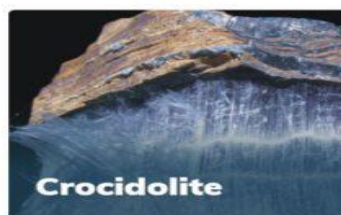
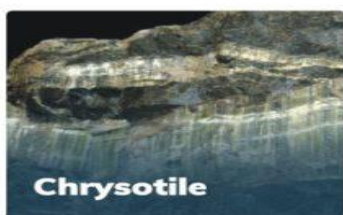
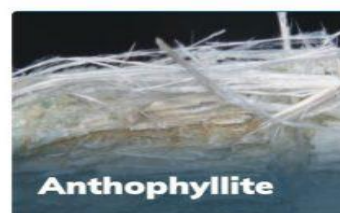
Asbestos-containing materials (ACM) have been banned since 2000, but millions of tonnes were used over the previous 80 years.

We have a Duty to Manage:

- If you are under SEMS, Property Services will make arrangements for an Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) to be completed.
- The plan will provide a written record of the location of any ACMs and how they are to be managed.
- This AMP must be shown and to all contractors visiting school to carry out work and the register signed **before** any work takes place.
- Any asbestos will be identified with a sticker



Types of Asbestos



Building occupiers/ Managers in charge of a building have a responsibility to:

- Ensure that any activity that may disturb or damage ACMs is avoided.
- Ensure that an Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) is kept readily available to provide information on the location and condition of any ACMs to anyone who is liable to work on or disturb them, including Contractors and the Fire Service in the event of a fire.
- Ensure that the Asbestos Management plan (AMP) is brought to the attention of contractors when they first arrive on site to check that their work will not disturb any ACMs present. They also need to sign and date the Contractors record sheet prior to starting any work.
- Contact the Asbestos Project Manager working on behalf of the Property Duty Holders for advice when disturbance of an ACM is considered necessary.
- Record the condition of any ACMs identified in the AMP. This must be monitored and recorded on the Asbestos Condition Monitoring Record Sheet to ensure/evidence that no disturbance has taken place, and fibres are not being released. Any damage to an ACM should be reported immediately to the Asbestos Project Manager working on behalf of Property Duty Holders
- Co-operate with the Asbestos Project Manager working on behalf of the Property Duty Holders on compliance with all duties required under the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012

General Principles of Control for Asbestos

If asbestos is in **GOOD** condition:

- leave it in place; and
- introduce a management system.

If asbestos is in **POOR** condition:

- seal it or enclose it; or
- remove it.

