



# Asbestos

The word 'asbestos' raises questions with a lot of people. There are misunderstandings about asbestos. In this brochure we will inform you about the points of interest of asbestos and the possible risks. There are strict rules in the Netherlands when it comes to asbestos. DeltaWonen uses these rules as a basic principle for her asbestos policy. Asbestos is an umbrella term for a number of minerals that is made up from microscopic small fibres. Asbestos was often used as building material in buildings and houses for its good qualities. Asbestos may have been used in houses that were built before 1994.

## Prohibited

Asbestos is not a harmless material. Because released asbestos fibres may cause health problems, deltaWonen strives after making her houses asbestos-free.

The use and the processing of asbestos by sawing, drilling, rubbing or demolishing is prohibited since 1993. Before this date asbestos was regularly used as building material.

## Firmly-bound asbestos

Asbestos materials in which fibres are firmly rooted, we call firmly-bound. If this material is in good condition and is not processed or demolished, no fibres will be released. Examples of firmly-bound asbestos are asbestos cement corrugated sheets and flat plates. In general it can be said that asbestos does not pose immediate health risks as long as it is undamaged.

## Loosely-bound asbestos

If the asbestos material is not firmly-bound, or if the material is in bad condition, then fibres can be released. But also when the asbestos material is demolished or processed in an unprofessional manner (think for instance of rubbing, drilling, sawing and breaking) then fibres may float in the air that can be inhaled.

## How to recognize asbestos

Houses built before 1994 are suspect of asbestos, but not in all suspect houses there is asbestos. Asbestos is hard to recognize and can only be determined by material investigation in a laboratory. Do you wish to do odd-jobs and you are in doubt? Let yourself be advised by deltaWonen.

In houses built roughly between 1945 and about 1994 asbestos may occur in the following places:

- Roofs of sheds and roof boarding, chimneys, around central-heating boilers, in cavity walls, in meter boxes, around chimneys, ventilation channels, gas heaters and the connection hereof.
- Asbestos may also occur in some kinds of vinyl tiles, produced before 1994.
- The asbestos may also be processed in windowsills or crawl hatches. This is called non-constructive applied asbestos. The removal is relatively simple, but may only be done by a specialized company by order of deltaWonen.

The place where the asbestos exists in the house (visible/invisible) and the way it is applied (constructive/non-constructive) is contributory for deltaWonen to the decision whether to remove the asbestos or to leave it where it is.

### Safe?

You may wonder if you are safe in your house after the asbestos removal by a certified company.

We can assure you that you are safe because there are strict rules for asbestos removers to comply with. The certified companies we work with, remove the asbestos in accordance with these rules. The safety is checked after the clean-up by an independent laboratory and deltaWonen consequently receives an asbestos-free certificate for the house concerned.

### Meer informatie

Heeft u vragen of wilt u meer informatie? Neem dan contact op met onze Klantenservice. De medewerkers zijn te bereiken op werkdagen van 08.30 tot 17.00 uur op telefoonnummer 038 851 02 00. Of stuur een mail met daarin uw vraag naar [info@deltawonen.nl](mailto:info@deltawonen.nl). De openingstijden van onze woonwinkels vindt u op [deltawonen.nl](http://deltawonen.nl).

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