



Asbestos safety in your home

Your safety is our priority



This factsheet provides you with information about asbestos and what you should do before starting any home improvements.

WHAT IS ASBESTOS?



In good condition, asbestos is not a risk to your health.

Asbestos is a strong fibrous material which can resist heat and chemicals. It was commonly used in building materials between the 1930s and 1980s. Many buildings built or changed during this period could potentially contain asbestos.

AM I AT RISK?

You are not at risk if parts of your home contain asbestos, as long as it is undisturbed and undamaged.

You and your family are at risk if you do improvements to any parts of your home that may contain asbestos. Exposure to asbestos is a serious risk to your health and can be fatal.

EXISTING TENANTS

Before starting any DIY in your home, you must seek advice from our Health and Safety team.



We will check our records and advise you if any asbestos is present. We may carry

out an asbestos survey if we think it's needed.

There will be no charge to you for this survey.

NEW TENANTS

We will let you know if there is any asbestos in your home and where it is when you move in.

WHERE MIGHT I FIND ASBESTOS IN MY HOME?

Not all homes contain asbestos.

Turn over this factsheet to see which parts of your home could contain asbestos.

It's always safest to assume your home contains asbestos unless a qualified surveyor has confirmed otherwise.

LEASEHOLDERS

If you are a leaseholder, our Health and Safety team can offer information and advice.

However, you must arrange and pay for an asbestos survey and any removal that may be necessary.

Always use an approved contractor who is licensed with the Health and Safety Executive.

Take a look at these websites to find a licensed asbestos removal contractor.

arca.org.uk

hse.gov.uk/asbestos



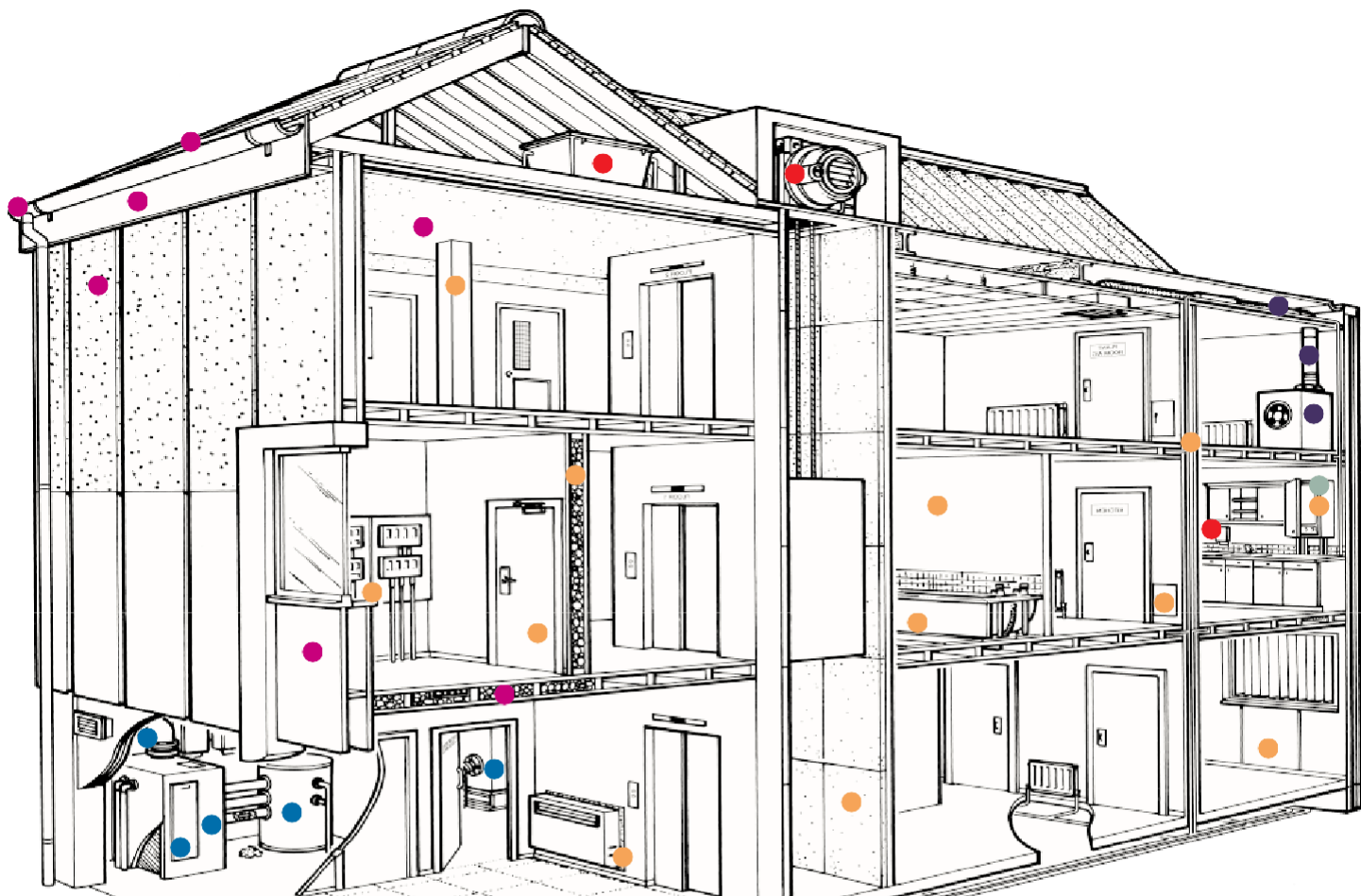
Under no circumstances attempt to remove or work on items in your home that may contain asbestos.



Places you might find asbestos in your home

Our diagram doesn't show everywhere you could find asbestos. Contact our Asbestos Team on

LH-asbestos@lewisham.gov.uk if you're not sure.



Roof and exterior walls

Boiler and pipework

Ceilings

Interior walls and panels

Flooring materials

Air

Domestic appliances



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If you require any further information, please contact London Borough of Lewisham Housing Services on 0800 0282 028 or e-mail our Asbestos Team LH-asbestos@lewisham.gov.uk



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