



# Asbestos regulators and information sources

**Remember:** Asbestos exposure is potentially harmful. However when asbestos is properly regulated and managed, it poses minimal human risk.

## So who do you call?

Please refer to the table below for regulatory or other points of contact relating to **specific asbestos** issues. Contacts are in order of relevance.

Issue	Contact
Analysis of samples	Laboratories accredited with the National Association of Testing Laboratories (NATA) Phone: 9486 2800
Damaged asbestos (due to fire, hail, storms)	Your insurer for owners. The owner or landlord for tenants. Possibly local government or Department of Health – if you have additional concerns.
Diseases and support	Asbestos Diseases Society or Cancer Council
Disposal	Local government or Department of Environment Regulation
Dumped material	The property owner or local government
Identification	Check the Yellow Pages under “Asbestos testing” or contact Department of Health
Licensing	WorkSafe
Mines or mine sites	Department of Mining and Petroleum

Issue	Contact
Removalists	Check the Yellow Pages under “Asbestos removals” or contact WorkSafe.
Safety at work	WorkSafe
Safety for home/public	Local government or Department of Health
Schools	The school principal or Department of Education
Soil contamination	Local government or Department of Health
Transportation	Department of Environment Regulation
Workplace	WorkSafe



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Asbestos was used extensively in building products in Western Australia until 1987. Although its use has now ceased, there is still a widespread presence of asbestos in the community.

Asbestos may be found at home, in public places or at work – depending on the age of the building or fencing. As asbestos exposure is potentially harmful, there are a range of regulations regarding its handling and removal.

This document provides contact details for asbestos regulators and information sources.

## Asbestos regulators

### Department of Environment Regulation

Regulates and provides advice on safe transport and disposal of asbestos materials.

Phone: 6467 5359

[www.der.wa.gov.au/images/documents/our-work/controlled-waste/cw-fs-asbestos.pdf](http://www.der.wa.gov.au/images/documents/our-work/controlled-waste/cw-fs-asbestos.pdf)

### Department of Health – Environmental Health Hazards Unit

Oversees asbestos legislation relating to public and residential situations and provides asbestos advice including guidance on asbestos contaminated soil.

Phone: 9388 4999

[www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/asbestos](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/asbestos)

### Department of Mining and Petroleum

Regulates safe asbestos practices in the resources industry.

Phone: 9358 8079

[www.dmp.wa.gov.au/6751.aspx](http://www.dmp.wa.gov.au/6751.aspx)

### Local Governments

Enforce Department of Health asbestos legislation through environmental health officers, and provide advice on local asbestos issues.

See Local Government Directory for your local contact details at [www.dlg.wa.gov.au](http://www.dlg.wa.gov.au)

### WorkSafe (WA Department of Commerce)

Regulates and audits all aspects of asbestos in workplace, licenses asbestos removalists and conducts periodic audits of licensed persons.

Phone: 1300 307 877

Email: [safety@commerce.wa.gov.au](mailto:safety@commerce.wa.gov.au)

[www.commerce.wa.gov.au](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au) and search 'asbestos'

## Other Government Agencies

Several other government agencies have regulatory responsibility for management of asbestos in government owned buildings and facilities. Contacts are as follows:

### Department of Education

Manages asbestos issues in school buildings and other facilities under its control.

Phone: 9264 4111

### Housing Authority

Manages asbestos issues associated with its properties.

Phone: 1300 137 677 (maintenance issues)

Email: [acmhousing@housing.wa.gov.au](mailto:acmhousing@housing.wa.gov.au)  
(non-maintenance queries)

### Department of Finance (Building Management and Works)

Coordinates the review and remediation of asbestos in government-managed premises across metropolitan and regional WA.

Phone: 6551 1000

Email: [asbestos@bmw.wa.gov.au](mailto:asbestos@bmw.wa.gov.au)

## Other sources of asbestos assistance

### Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia

ADSA is a charitable organisation providing support to people with asbestos-related diseases.

Phone: 9344 4077

[www.asbestosdiseases.org.au](http://www.asbestosdiseases.org.au)

### Asbestos Safety and Eradication Authority

ASEA provides a national focus on asbestos issues, including providing a register for personal asbestos exposures.

Email: [enquiries@asbestossafety.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@asbestossafety.gov.au)

[www.asbestossafety.gov.au](http://www.asbestossafety.gov.au)

### Australian Asbestos Network

Provides a wide range of information on asbestos issues.

[www.australianasbestosnetwork.org.au](http://www.australianasbestosnetwork.org.au)

### Cancer Council Helpline

Provides information and support for people affected by cancer, health professionals and the community.

Phone: 13 11 20 (local call)