

Asbestos Disposal

What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a hazardous mineral fibre that was used in:

- insulation and other building materials for protection from heat, fire or sound
 - Pre 1990, asbestos was mainly used to insulate buildings
- cement or plaster to increase structural strength



When inhaled, it can cause lung-related illnesses.

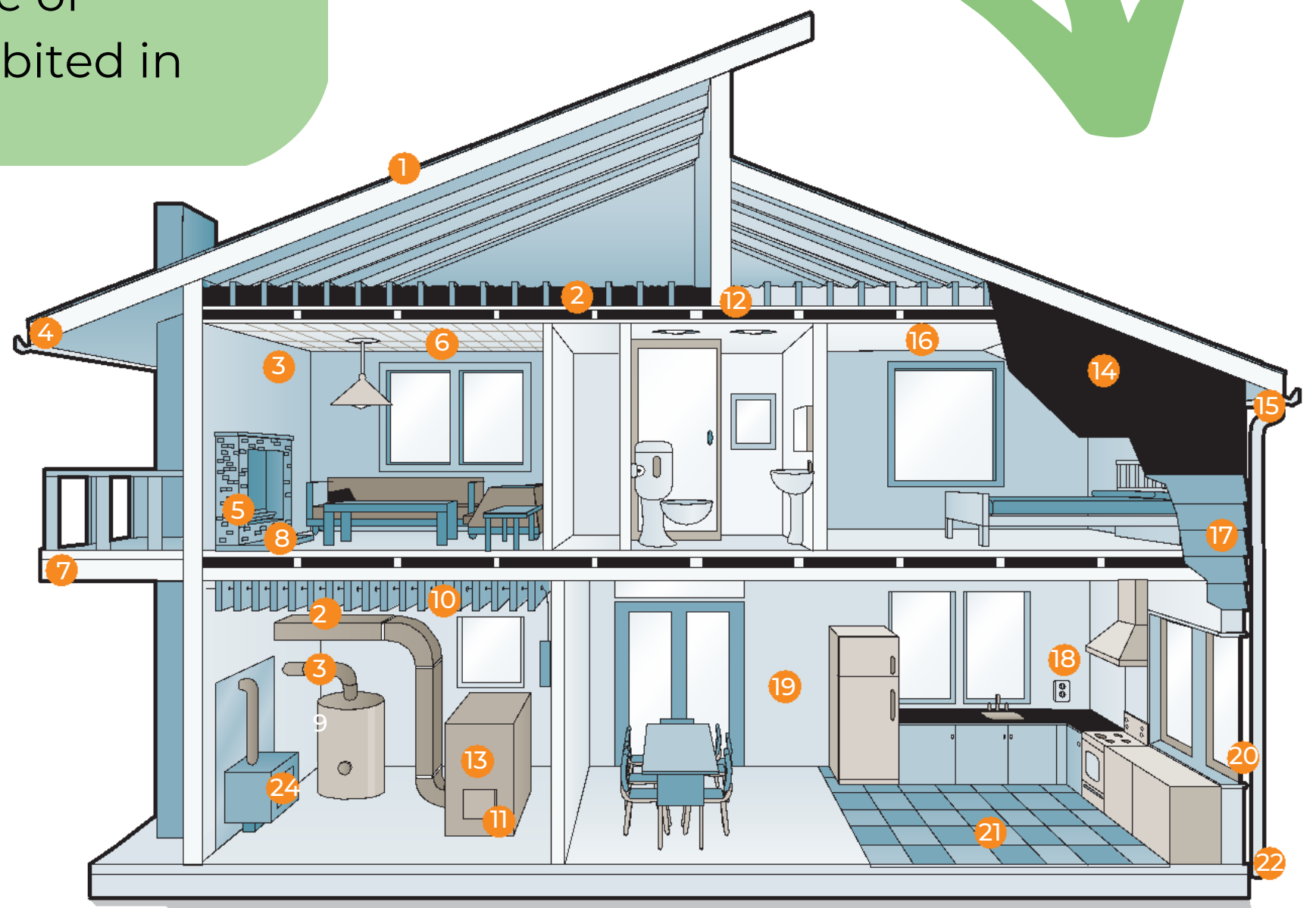
The manufacture, import, sale and use of products containing asbestos is prohibited in Canada.

I'm renovating an older home. Should I be concerned?



Test for asbestos before renovating or remodeling.

Avoid moving or disturbing materials containing asbestos yourself. **Hire a professional.**



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| 1 Roof felt and shingles | 9 Pipe insulation | 15 Soffit boards can be made of asbestos cement or asbestos insulating board | 20 Window putty |
| 2 Loose, blown-in insulation, such as vermiculite | 10 Main panel and fuse box; each fuse wire has an individual asbestos flash guard | 16 Textured or stipple-coated walls and ceilings | 21 Flooring: vinyl tiles and linoleum sheet flooring; flooring adhesive |
| 3 Incandescent light fixture backing | 11 Door and gasket covers | 17 Asbestos cement (transite) board siding and undersheeting | 22 Downpipes can be made of asbestos cement |
| 4 Roof gutters can be made of asbestos cement | 12 Backing behind recessed lighting | 18 Outlets and switches | 23 Insulation on electrical wires |
| 5 Artificial fireplace logs and ashes | 13 Boiler and furnace insulation | 19 Gypsum board filling compound, and patching and joint compound for walls and ceilings | 24 Heat reflector for wood stove |
| 6 Acoustic tiles | 14 Asbestos can be found in stucco | | |
| 7 Deck undersheeting | | | |
| 8 Asbestos pad under the fireplace hearth | | | |

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Safe Disposal

- ✗ Do *not* place asbestos containing materials in curbside garbage.
- ✓ Hire a professional to bag and transport asbestos to a receiving facility.
- ✓ Notify staff at a receiving facility when disposing of asbestos.



Natural disasters & unexpected events in the home can lead to damage of asbestos containing materials.



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