



## **Asbestos**

There are 3 certainties of life: death, taxes and exposure to asbestos!

In Australia, there is statistically a one in three chance that your home contains some form of asbestos and it is almost guaranteed that you will have been exposed to asbestos in an urban environment by the age of 1. So with the abundance of exposure opportunities for asbestos in the urban environment, how certain are you of being able to accurately identify asbestos around your home and in the community?

### **Why does it matter?**

There is no safe level of asbestos exposure known. Even if a safe level was known, there is no way of telling just how many asbestos fibres you have been exposed to in the environment over your lifetime!

### **So is it too late for me?**

Maybe, maybe not; but it is never too late to increase your awareness of how to identify and handle asbestos! Like other diseases you may be more or less susceptible to becoming ill than the average person. Also, just because asbestos is present, it does not mean that you will be at a significantly greater risk than if it were not there.

### **Prevention is better than cure?**

Increase your awareness - if identified and handled safely, the health risks potentially caused by asbestos can be significantly reduced or eliminated!

### **How do I learn more about asbestos?**

If you have concerns about asbestos or asbestos containing materials, you can find more information at the following links:

- ✓ Asbestos and public health; [http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/3/1143/2/asbestos\\_in\\_the\\_home.pm](http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/3/1143/2/asbestos_in_the_home.pm)
- ✓ Asbestos – A guide for householders and the general public; <http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/cproot/4774/2/asbestos-feb13.pdf>
- ✓ The Asbestos Removal Guide; <http://www.asbestosremovalguide.com/107/do-it-yourself-asbestos-removal-for-the-home-renovator-part-1/>

### **What does the City do about asbestos?**

- The City's Environmental Health Officers will respond to complaints about the inappropriate condition, handling and disposal of asbestos, and are happy to provide advice to assist you identify asbestos at your property.
- The City's Environmental Health Officers will assist you to liaise with WorkSafe WA Tel: 1300 307 877 email: [safety@commerce.wa.gov.au](mailto:safety@commerce.wa.gov.au); in relation to inappropriate handling of asbestos on worksites.



- The City maintains a register of all Council owned properties that contain some form of asbestos
- The City assesses the condition of asbestos in its own properties and either removes or treats the asbestos product appropriately.
- The City proudly supports the Asbestos Diseases Research Institute's Asbestos Awareness Month – please visit: <http://www.asbestosawareness.com.au>

**What should I do if I want to get rid of asbestos?**

- It is recommended that you contract a WorkSafe licenced asbestos removalist - found in the YellowPages under “Asbestos Removal”;
- In accordance with the legal requirements of WorkSafe, you are not permitted to remove more than ten (10) square metres of asbestos without an Asbestos Removal Licence.
- If wanting to remove less than 10sqm of asbestos yourself, it is recommended you view the following for guidance: <http://elearning.cancer.org.au/courses/know-asbestos-in-your-home.html>

**Asbestos Disposal Sites in WA**

All asbestos must be taken to a licensed asbestos removal facility for disposal. A list of facilities who accept asbestos can be found below;

COUNCIL OR COMPANY	ADDRESS	SUBURB	POST CODE	PHONE NUMBER	LANDFILL CLASS
Buller Road Refuse Disposal Site	Lot 1701 Buller Rd	Waroona	6215	9733 1277	II
City of Armadale	Hopkinson Rd	Forrestdale	6112	9399 3935	II
City of Canning	Ranford Rd	Canning Vale	6155	9321 0606	II & III
City of Cockburn	Rockingham Rd	Henderson	6166	9411 3444	II
City of Rockingham	Millar Rd	Baldivis	6171	9524 2053	III
City of Stirling	238 Balcatta Rd	Balcatta	6021	9345 8555	Transfer station
Eastern Metro Regional Council	Toodyay Rd (Red Hill)	Gidgegannup	6083	9574 6235	III & IV
Eclipse Resources	Lot 180 Abercrombie Rd	Postans	6167	9381 5600	I
Mindarie Regional Council	1700 Marnion Ave	Mindarie	6030	9306 6300	II
RCG Pty Ltd	Lot 70/717 Hester Ave	Neerabup	6031	9407 5069	I
Shire of Gingin	Lot 10 Cockram Rd	Gingin	6503	9575 2211	II
South Perth Waste Transfer Station	Cnr Hayman Rd Thelma St	Como	6152	9367 2492	Transfer station
Wastestream Management	Ratcliffe Rd	Kwinana	6167	9439 1300	I
West Australian Landfill Services	Lot 200 and Lot 201 Shale Rd	South Cardup	6201	9525 5355	II
Western Metropolitan Regional Council	Cnr Lemnos & Brockway Rd	Shenton	6008	9384 2544	Transfer station