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## Asbestos

### What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring fibrous material, which has been mined in Australia & overseas from several types of mineral rock. Asbestos has the potential to cause lung disease if inhaled.

### How to identify asbestos

It is not possible to find out whether a material contains asbestos simply by looking at it. If you are not sure whether a material contains asbestos but think it is likely, err on the side of caution and assume it does or get it tested by an accredited laboratory.

The National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) can provide details of an accredited laboratory in your area. Further information is available online via [www.nata.asn.au](http://www.nata.asn.au)

Alternatively you can engage a person who knows how to manage the risks associated with asbestos including providing advice on whether it is asbestos and the removal, including whether you should use a licensed asbestos removalist.

### Council's role in relation to asbestos

Council has no authority in respect to asbestos removal or safety requirements and dealings between neighbours that may arise from the removal of asbestos.

### Where can I find more information in relation to asbestos?

Advice for South Australians concerned about Asbestos in their homes or workplaces may be sourced online from <http://asbestos.sa.gov.au/>

The website is the outcome of a collaboration between SafeWork SA, SA Health, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), the Local Government Association (LGA), Housing SA and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).

Each agency plays an important role in managing the risks of exposure and providing information and advice to South Australians about asbestos.

This website provides information for the community:

- to assist them to safely deal with asbestos;
- ensure they are meeting their obligations under various legislation administered by a number of different South Australian Government agencies; and
- to help them identify which agency to contact for more information should the need arise.

### Who can I contact in relation to asbestos?

If you are seeking general information, you may contact the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA):

**Phone:** 8204 2004  
**Fax:** 8124 4670  
**Email:** [epainfo@sa.gov.au](mailto:epainfo@sa.gov.au)  
**Post:** GPO Box 2607, Adelaide SA 5001  
**In person:** Level 2, 211 Victoria Square, Adelaide SA 5000

If you are concerned about neighbours renovating/ demolishing or removing asbestos and how this may affect you, you may contact SafeWork SA:

**Phone:** 1300 365 255  
**Fax:** 8204 9200  
**Email:** [help.safework@sa.gov.au](mailto:help.safework@sa.gov.au)  
**Post:** GPO Box 465, Adelaide SA 5001  
**In person:** Level 4, World Park A, 33 Richmond Road, Keswick SA 5035

Detailed information regarding who to contact in varying circumstances with regard to asbestos can be found online via <http://asbestos.sa.gov.au/who.html>

Development Information Guides are intended to help applicants to submit applications which are complete, well prepared, and can be processed efficiently. The information provided is intended as a general guide only and applicants are encouraged to refer to the Town of Walkerville Development Plan and to seek professional advice if necessary. This information is subject to frequent updates. This version last updated in January 2018.

Access the Development Plan and current versions of information guides at <http://www.walkerville.sa.gov.au/>

**Should you have any further enquiries or wish to discuss this process, please do not hesitate to contact the Planning and Environment team via:**

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**Post:** Town of Walkerville, PO Box 55, Walkerville SA 5081

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