



Asbestos has been used in thousands of building materials due to its strength and heat-resistant properties. However, it is extremely hazardous when disturbed and inhaled. Exposure can lead to serious, often fatal diseases such as:

Lung cancer

Mesothelioma

Asbestosis

Despite its dangers, asbestos has not been fully banned and may still be present in new products and modern buildings.

Common Materials That May Contain Asbestos Include:

Attic firewall paper (nicolite)

Cement asbestos board siding (transite)

Natural gas line putty/dope

HVAC duct insulation

Fireplace materials and artificial logs

Furnace insulation

Gypsum wallboard

Electrical wire insulation

Linoleum or vinyl flooring (and mastic/backing)

Loose blown-in insulation (vermiculite)

Pipe insulation

Popcorn ceilings and other textured finishes

Roofing materials (shingles, built-up systems, coatings)

Vinyl tiles and adhesives

Joint compound, wall plaster, and textures

Window putty

Important:

You cannot tell whether a material contains asbestos just by looking at it. It must be tested by an AHERA-certified building inspector.

Good Faith Survey Requirement

Before any renovation, demolition, repair, or maintenance, a Good Faith Survey (Asbestos Report) must be completed and available for review. This survey ensures that any asbestos-containing materials (ACM) are identified and safely managed.

Only certified professionals may handle or disturb ACMs.

The building owner and contractor are responsible for providing the asbestos report.

Location of the Good Faith Survey Report:

Remember:

Always check the asbestos report before starting any work.

Do not disturb any material unless you are sure it is asbestos-free.

Only certified personnel may work with or around ACMs.

When in doubt, stop and ask. Safety first.