



Asbestos



Asbestos roof tiles

What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a natural substance made up of many tiny fibres. It is like a fluffy rock!

It was used for many years in buildings because it was a good at keeping in heat, good for sound proofing and was fire retardant.

Asbestos can break up into tiny fibres and if it is damaged or is disturbed these fibres can be harmful to a person's health if breathed in.

Golden Lane Housing carry out checks every year on all properties at risk of asbestos

What is asbestos?

If your home was built after 1999, it will be asbestos free. If your home was built before then, asbestos may be found in places like:

- corrugated roofing (typically found on garages)
- insulation under the roof, tiles, soffits, gutters, downpipes, walls and panels
- boards and panels, and any insulation between them
- insulation around pipes, flues, around heaters or a boiler
- decorative coatings on walls or ceilings, like artex
- insulation around windows
- old water cisterns
- plastic floor tiles.

Some homes may contain asbestos but it is not something to worry about but you do need to be aware of the risks it could present if it is not safely managed.

If you are planning any DIY or decorating in your home please contact Golden Lane Housing who will be happy to advise.



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A garage roof made from asbestos

What will Golden Lane Housing do?

We survey all properties which were built before 2000 for asbestos. If we find it, we may remove it, encase it and monitor it on an annual basis.

Asbestos information is provided to all the contractors who will work in your home to make sure they do not disturb any asbestos that may be there.