

# How to report a suspected find of asbestos containing material



To report suspected asbestos containing material (ACM) on public land and in community facilities (not private property), please notify Council, providing as much detail on the location as possible, in one of the following ways:

- Online: log a Customer Services Request at [www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/residents/eservices](http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/residents/eservices) (click on Report).
- Phone: 4780 5000 (Upper Mountains) or 4723 5000 (Lower Mountains). An option for an emergency after-hours referral is available from this number.
- Email: [council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

Council's Asbestos Response Team will inspect the site as a matter of urgency and take appropriate action.

## Keeping the community safe, together.

The need to identify and manage asbestos containing material is a challenge faced by Councils across NSW. The safety, health and wellbeing of our community are paramount and we take the matter of asbestos management seriously. Council undertakes routine inspections of its facilities and public land to ensure asbestos containing material is managed appropriately. Council welcomes the assistance of local residents to help Council minimise potential asbestos hazards on public land and in community facilities.

## Did you know?

Asbestos was commonly used in the past for various building purposes (including fibro, flue pipes, drains, roofs, gutters), automotive use (brakes, clutches and gaskets).

Asbestos containing material may be present in any building constructed prior to December 2003.

Asbestos fibres can affect people's health when they are breathed in and enter the lungs; however, small amounts of asbestos are present in the air at all times, and are being breathed by everyone without any ill effects (NSW Health).

For information relating to asbestos from NSW Public Health see [www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets/Pages/asbestos-and-health-risks.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/factsheets/Pages/asbestos-and-health-risks.aspx).

## Renovating your home?

Approximately one third of all homes built in Australia contain asbestos products. If you are thinking about renovating it is important for home owners and renovators to be aware of how to safely manage asbestos in and around the home.

For information see [asbestosawareness.com.au](http://asbestosawareness.com.au).

