

ASBESTOS KILLS

Asbestos is the biggest single cause of work-related death in Britain. Past exposure kills around 4,000 people every year.

Yet despite a ban on its use, **asbestos is still present in around one and a half million workplaces**. Often there is no record of where the asbestos is, or what condition it is in. That means that workers can still become exposed to this killer fibre.

Maintenance and building workers are especially at risk, but so is anyone who works around exposed asbestos or who works in an area where asbestos fibres are present.

You do not need to breath in large quantities of dust to be at risk, so never work in any area or with any material until you know your employer, or the premises occupier, has made sure there is no asbestos present. If in doubt, ask.



ALWAYS CHECK FIRST

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