

# ASBESTOS INFORMATION

## 1 WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

Asbestos is a term describing a group of minerals made of microscopic fibres. Before its dangers were known asbestos was often used in buildings for insulation, flooring and roofing.

Asbestos poses little risk unless the materials containing it are damaged and release fibres into the air where they may be breathed in.

## 3 WHAT TO DO NEXT

If you suspect asbestos or find an area of fly tipped rubbish, stop work immediately and warn other volunteers to stay away. Notify the local authority at the first available opportunity.



**Futher images of the different forms of asbestos can be viewed at [www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/gallery.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/gallery.htm)**

## 2 IDENTIFICATION

Asbestos can take many forms and may not be easy to identify. It may appear as sheets, corrugated, as fibres or as a spray on material. It is generally stable unless damaged or broken.

