**Remember:** Asbestos exposure is potentially harmful. However, when asbestos is properly regulated and managed, it poses minimal human risk.

**So who do you call?**

Please refer to the table below for regulatory or other points of contact relating to **specific asbestos** issues. Contacts are in order of relevance.

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<td>Analysis of samples</td>
<td>Laboratories accredited with the National Association of Testing Laboratories (NATA) Phone: 9486 2800</td>
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<td>Damaged asbestos (due to fire, hail, storms)</td>
<td>Your insurer for owners. The owner or landlord for tenants. Possibly local government or Department of Health – if you have additional concerns.</td>
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<td>Diseases and support</td>
<td>Asbestos Diseases Society or Cancer Council</td>
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<td>Disposal</td>
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<td>Dumped material</td>
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<td>Identification</td>
<td>Check the Yellow Pages under “Asbestos testing” or contact Department of Health</td>
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Asbestos was used extensively in building products in Western Australia until 1987. Although its use has now ceased, there is still a widespread presence of asbestos in the community. Asbestos may be found at home, in public places or at work – depending on the age of the building or fencing. As asbestos exposure is potentially harmful, there are a range of regulations regarding its handling and removal. This document provides contact details for asbestos regulators and information sources.

Asbestos regulators

**Department of Environment Regulation**
Regulates and provides advice on safe transport and disposal of asbestos materials.
Phone: 6467 5359  

**Department of Health – Environmental Health Hazards Unit**
Oversees asbestos legislation relating to public and residential situations and provides asbestos advice including guidance on asbestos contaminated soil.
Phone: 9388 4999  

**Department of Mining and Petroleum**
Regulates safe asbestos practices in the resources industry.
Phone: 9358 8079  

**WorkSafe (WA Department of Commerce)**
Regulates and audits all aspects of asbestos in workplace, licenses asbestos removalists and conducts periodic audits of licensed persons.
Phone: 1300 307 877  
Email: safety@commerce.wa.gov.au  
[www.commerce.wa.gov.au](http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au) and search ‘asbestos’

**Local Governments**
Enforce Department of Health asbestos legislation through environmental health officers, and provide advice on local asbestos issues.

**Other Government Agencies**
Several other government agencies have regulatory responsibility for management of asbestos in government owned buildings and facilities. Contacts are as follows:

**Department of Education**
Manages asbestos issues in school buildings and other facilities under its control.
Phone: 9264 4111

**Housing Authority**
Manages asbestos issues associated with its properties.
Phone: 1300 137 677 (maintenance issues)  
Email: acmhousing@housing.wa.gov.au (non-maintenance queries)

**Department of Finance (Building Management and Works)**
Coordinates the review and remediation of asbestos in government-managed premises across metropolitan and regional WA.
Phone: 6551 1000  
Email: asbestos@bmw.wa.gov.au

**Asbestos Diseases Society of Australia**
ADSA is a charitable organisation providing support to people with asbestos-related diseases.
Phone: 9344 4077  
[www.asbestosdiseases.org.au](http://www.asbestosdiseases.org.au)

**Asbestos Safety and Eradication Authority**
ASEA provides a national focus on asbestos issues, including providing a register for personal asbestos exposures.
Email: enquiries@asbestossafety.gov.au  

**Australian Asbestos Network**
Provides a wide range of information on asbestos issues.  
[www.australianasbestosnetwork.org.au](http://www.australianasbestosnetwork.org.au)

**Cancer Council Helpline**
Provides information and support for people affected by cancer, health professionals and the community.
Phone: 13 11 20 (local call)