



Asbestos Testing in Building Materials: Fibre Cement

If the sample material looks like a sprayed finish, particularly if it is insulating material on pipework, boilers or ceilings, **DON'T sample yourself!!**



Disturbing loose fibrous insulation material that contains asbestos is extremely dangerous. It is highly recommended that sampling is carried out by qualified individuals.

However, if you are collecting a sample yourself, the instructions below provide minimum precautions. If in doubt or for further information, we highly recommend that you contact us.

- ✓ Wear disposable gloves and a P2 respirator.
- ✓ Dampen or wet the material.
- ✓ Before using pliers or any other available tool, place a baby-wipe to protect the inside edges of the tool. If the inside of the pliers is "ribbed" or textured, this precaution helps limit the possibility of parts of the sample getting stuck in these textured areas.
- ✓ Break off a small thumbnail sized sample.
- ✓ Place the sample into a sealable polythene bag, such as a sandwich bag.
- ✓ Place the bagged sample into another sealable bag.
- ✓ Attach a label to the bag that identifies the sample type and sample location. An example of sample type is fibre cement and sample locations might include ceiling tiles or fireboards.
- ✓ Samples must be labelled in conjunction with the sample identification on the Chain of Custody (COC), which can be downloaded on our website. A copy of the fully completed COC must accompany the samples to the laboratory so work can commence upon receipt with the correct test requirements, sample identifications and other relevant details.
- ✓ Seal the exposed edge of the sample being tested for asbestos with duct tape or paint to avoid fibre release.
- ✓ Clean any tools used with a wet paper towel or baby-wipes and place in a separate bag to the sampled material – Upon receipt, our team will organise the safe disposal of discarded tools used in the sample collection.

For further information contact our laboratories



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With your sample, include your payment of **\$151.16** including GST for one sample* We accept Visa, MasterCard or direct deposit. For direct deposit, results will be released on clearance of funds in our account.

* Discount available for combining multiple samples in a test job.

Results will be reported within 2 working days.

Ask us about the fastest turnaround of 4-5 hours for results. A surcharge applies for faster turnarounds.

You will be given a certificate that identifies whether asbestos is present and the type of asbestos present in the sample.

In most cases, asbestos containing materials can safely be left in place, as there will be little or no risk of fibre release.