Asbestos management

The management of asbestos-containing material in schools is an issue the Department of Education takes very seriously. Our highest priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Asbestos is the common name used to describe a naturally-occurring fibrous mineral that was used extensively from the 1940s to the late 1980s in building materials for houses, schools and other types of buildings both government and non-government.

In sound condition, these materials don’t pose a health risk unless disturbed.

The department has a stringent and transparent asbestos management system to ensure the safety of students, staff, volunteers, visitors and service providers.

Learn more about the department's policy, plan and guidelines for asbestos management including:

- policy and procedures
- the Asbestos Management Plan
- ongoing management
- removal and repair procedures.

Information is also available about:

- Departmental asbestos advisors – asbestos management experts who ensure all policies and procedures protect staff, students, services providers and the community
- Asbestos registers – information about known confirmed, assumed or removed asbestos at department-owned facilities
- Reported incident sample testing – test results following reported asbestos incidents.

Parents and caregivers, and Parents and Citizens' (P&C) associations can read about understanding the management of asbestos for more information.