

# Asbestos in the Workplace



Asbestos are naturally occurring fibrous minerals found throughout the world, including Canada. Because it has heat-resistant and insulating properties, asbestos was used in a wide range of manufactured products such as structural fireproofing and insulation, cement, plaster, and textiles, and to this day, many older applications still remain in homes, buildings and products.

Asbestos materials are a potentially serious workplace hazard, and people who inhale asbestos fibres are at risk of developing lung cancer, mesothelioma and asbestosis. (*Source: CCOHS*)

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