

Asbestos cleanup after an emergency or incident

During a clean up after an emergency or incident, the possibility of neighbours being exposed to asbestos fibres may be very low if precautions are taken to minimise the release and inhalation of asbestos dust and fibres.



During the clean up

As a precautionary measure, council advises those in neighbouring properties during the asbestos clean up/removal to:

- avoid unnecessary outdoor activity and do not put any laundry outside
- close all external doors and windows and stay indoors
- avoiding using air conditioners that introduce air from outside into the home

After the clean up

- dispose of any laundry that may have been contaminated with asbestos during the incident or emergency as asbestos waste
- use a low pressure hose on a spray configuration to remove visible dust from pathways
- wipe dusty surfaces with a damp cloth and bag and dispose of the cloth as asbestos waste

Please follow any other measures recommended by an occupational hygienist following assessment of the situation.

Further Information

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