

## Asbestos Survey Explained

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral which is fire-resistant; chemical resistant and has a high tensile strength, making it a widely-used component in building and construction materials. Asbestos was first used in building and construction in the UK as far back as the late 1800's. Extensive usage occurred within the construction of buildings, between the late 1940's until the mid 1970's. However, some asbestos products were still being installed prior to a total UK wide ban, as late as 1999.

The Duty to Manage (*Regulation 4, CAR*) asbestos in properties means it is now essential that asbestos is identified and managed in commercial properties and maintained residential properties. Just because asbestos is present within a building does not mean it has to be removed. Asbestos materials in good condition can be safely managed in situ, without the need for costly removal or remediation.

An asbestos survey will determine if there is any asbestos present within a premise and will inform the responsible person how to safely manage the asbestos (if present).