

## Contact Details:

### Kangaroo Island Resource Recovery Centre (KIRRC)

Customer Service: 08 8555 7405

KIRRC Depot: 08 8555 7407

Mobile: 0418 807 440

### Environment Protection Authority

Phone: 08 8204 2004

Country Callers (free call) 1800 623 445

Email: [epainfo@epa.sa.gov.au](mailto:epainfo@epa.sa.gov.au)

Website: [www.epa.sa.gov.au](http://www.epa.sa.gov.au)

### SafeWork SA

Phone: 08 8303 0400

Email: [help.safework@sa.gov.au](mailto:help.safework@sa.gov.au)

Website: [www.safework.sa.gov.au](http://www.safework.sa.gov.au)

### Further Information URL:

<http://www.safework.sa.gov.au/search.jsp?q=asbestos>

### Asbestos Removal Safety Kits

Available for the domestic market only (less than 10m<sup>2</sup>) from Australian Safety Specialists.

Contact (02) 8811 1500

For amounts over 10m<sup>2</sup> please contact a licensed asbestos removalist.

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**postal** PO Box 121, Kingscote SA 5223

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# Facts About Asbestos - Removal & Disposal



## Facts about Asbestos

Asbestos is a common material used in domestic buildings to a lesser or greater degree across Australia prior to 1985.

Some areas of the home where asbestos is found is in house eaves, roofs, walls, fencing, sheds, wet areas such as bathrooms, kitchens and laundries. It is also found in vinyl floor tiles, older stoves, fireplaces, older electrical fuse boards and cement pipes.

When asbestos is in good condition and left alone, it presents no health risk. Asbestos becomes a health risk when asbestos fibres are released into the air.

Asbestos fibres can cause asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma.

Health problems usually occur where people are unaware of the hazards of working with asbestos containing products. It is extremely important that you always work in a way that minimises the release of any dust or particles.

Always follow the guidelines to ensure the safety of yourself and of those around you.

## Removal, Transport and Disposal

Strict regulation and guidelines apply for the removal, transport and disposal of products containing asbestos. Information is available from **SafeWork SA** and the **EPA** (*see back for contact details*).

The SafeWork SA brochure is also available from the Kangaroo Island Resource Recovery Centre.

The Kangaroo Island Resource Recovery Centre is a licensed asbestos disposal facility. Domestic and commercial loads of asbestos are accepted under strict regulations.

### Commercial:

Please contact the EPA for information on removal, transport and disposal of commercial loads (over 10m<sup>2</sup>).

Loads without the correct documentation will not be accepted.

Loads are accepted at the discretion of landfill staff.

Each package must be on bearers or pallets on a flat bed truck and suitable for the safe removal by a forklift.

Loads containing damaged packages will not be accepted.

### Domestic:

Items must be received in accordance with the EPA regulations.

Domestic amounts up to 10m<sup>2</sup> only are accepted.

Wet and wrap all items in 200 micron plastic (orange builders plastic), securely duct tape and label 'Caution Contains Asbestos'.

Each package must be on bearers or a pallet suitable for removal by forklift. Disposal charges may apply.

Items of personal protective clothing need to be disposed of in the approved manner. Where a vacuum cleaner has been used it is recommended that you dispose of it in the same manner.

The outlet filters in your vacuum cleaner are not an approved grade and are not safe guard enough!

- It is illegal to dispose of asbestos waste in the domestic garbage bins or in a manner that contravenes the regulations.
- Damaged packages will not be accepted.

