

**Safety Awareness  
Safe Work Australia  
National Asbestos Awareness Campaign  
21/11/2016**

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Safe Work Australia is reminding workers and employees that National Asbestos Awareness Week is 21–25 November and aims to raise awareness of asbestos, and where asbestos materials could be found within your work or home space.

- Before conducting any construction work, it is important to know what asbestos is, as well as how to manage, control and remove it safely. Consult the hazardous materials register before commencing any works.
- Appliances may contain asbestos materials such as heat shielding in a heater/stirrer hotplate.
- If you're not sure whether something is an asbestos containing material, notify your supervisor immediately, and assume it is until you have it confirmed by an expert. If it is confirmed and needs to be removed, engage a licensed asbestos removalist.
- It is important to maintain an up to date asbestos register for your workplace and have it accessible to all people who may need to review it, such as contractors or workers.
- Asbestos becomes a health risk when its fibres are released into the air and breathed in.

See Safe Work Australia [Asbestos webpage](#) and the [Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency](#) for more information.

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*Staff and Students are reminded to report incidents to their supervisor and/or through the HORUS/ISIS online incident notification systems.*