

Workplace Health and Safety Queensland



Is that asbestos?

Take precautions to avoid an expensive clean-up bill and minimise exposure to yourself and others.

Private contractors have had to pay clean-up bills in excess of \$100 000 because preventative actions were not taken before commencing a job.

There are methods to legally and safely work around asbestos in the home. The risk to your health and your neighbours is low if you take the necessary precautions. Look after your own health and that of your family and neighbours by following the law and safe work procedures.

Before starting a job involving asbestos consider:

- Can you leave the material alone (have you considered alternatives to removing it)?
- Can you comply with the law and safety procedures when working with asbestos?
- Does the job require a licensed asbestos removalist?

For more information or to obtain the *Asbestos: A home renovator's and tradesperson's guide for minor work in domestic buildings*, visit www.worksafe.qld.gov.au or call the Workplace Health and Safety Infoline on **1300 369 915**.