



Maryland
Department of
the Environment

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Real Estate Professionals

1. How can you determine if there is asbestos in the home?

- A homeowner can take a sample themselves, or they may hire a consultant to conduct a survey and collect samples of materials for laboratory analysis.
 - Certified Laboratory Link:
<https://www-s.nist.gov/niws/index.cfm?event=directory.search#no-back>
 - List of Consultants: A list of qualified consultants can be found on the Asbestos Home Page.

2. Is it necessary to remove asbestos?

- Abestos-containing material (ACM) should be removed if it is more than slightly damaged, or if you plan to make changes to your home that could potentially disturb the material.

3. Who is permitted to remove ACM from a single family residence?

- **Non-friable ACM (material that is not easily crumbled):** Can be removed by a licensed asbestos contractor, an unlicensed contractor, or the homeowner.
- **Friable ACM (material that can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure):** Must be removed by a licensed asbestos contractor.

4. Where can I find a list of licensed asbestos contractors in Maryland?

- A list of licensed asbestos contractors can be found on the Asbestos Home Page.

5. Am I required to inform potential home buyers about asbestos in the home?

- Yes.