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Managing Asbestos in the Galbraith building



How is it being managed

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral made up of many small fibres. These fibres are very durable and highly resistant to heat, fire and chemical corrosion.

In the past asbestos was widely used in the construction industry in New Zealand and is present in many public buildings, including hospitals and schools, particularly those built between the 1940s and 1980s.

Intact and undisturbed asbestos material generally does not pose a health risk.

Asbestos – containing materials have been identified within the Galbraith building.

There is no need for alarm; a programme of asbestos remediation is underway including asbestos removal and repair work, air monitoring and control.

To date none of the locations being monitored in the Galbraith building have exceeded the minimum level 0.01 fibres/ml (trace level).

CM Health takes the health and safety of its staff, patients and visitors very seriously.

All remediation work is, and has been, conducted by experienced, qualified and WorkSafe NZ approved asbestos removalists working in line with the health and safety (asbestos) regulations.