

ASBESTOS

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

BEWARE OF THE RISK

Asbestos fibres may be released when work is done on buildings constructed before 1991. Even if it is only minor work. Asbestos fibres cannot be seen by the naked eye. If you breathe them in, you could develop a severe or fatal illness.



1991

asbestos is no longer
used in buildings



**3 out of 4
buildings**

still contain asbestos today



830 to 1360

people die every year
in Switzerland as a result
of being exposed
to asbestos at work

If you work on a building built before 1991

Make sure that an **asbestos survey** has been carried out in all the areas you will occupy on the worksite.

All areas containing asbestos must undergo **decontamination** before work begins.

Trades affected

Structural work, electricity, plumbing, ceilings, carpentry, heating, roofing, building maintenance, waste disposal, landfills, etc.

Materials affected

Fibre cement, plaster, tile adhesive, window putty, flooring, false ceilings, thermal insulation, flocking, lightweight panels, etc.

Asbestos-related diseases

Pleural plaques, asbestosis, mesothelioma, lung cancer and other cancers

To find out more: www.vd.ch/amiante