



# Removing an asbestos cement product eg water tank



## Use the right kit

- Cover work area with plastic sheets secured with tape to help catch waste
- Wear a disposable, correctly fitted FFP3 face mask and Type 5 disposable overalls
- Wear the overalls one size too big and put the legs over the top of footwear
- Do not re-use disposable overalls and masks



## Keep dust down

- Check that the item is not fitted to asbestos insulating board
- Stick duct tape across damaged sections to keep it together
- Remove fittings and plumbing. Unscrew fixings or cut bolts that hold it in place. Place these in a plastic sack
- Remove the item in one piece. Double wrap in plastic sheet and seal with duct tape
- If not possible, mix 8 parts water with 1 part washing up liquid in a garden sprayer and dampen the asbestos cement
- Wrap the item in plastic sheet secured with duct tape. Gently break it into large pieces with a hammer
- Put the pieces in a plastic sack or double wrap in plastic sheets and seal with duct tape if they are too big



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- If working at height carefully lower the asbestos cement to the ground. Do not drop it



**When working in lofts or similar areas, board out a safe work space and cover with plastic sheeting**



### **Clean up properly**

- Use a damp cloth to clean tools and the area. Put the used cloth in the plastic sack
- Do not use a domestic vacuum cleaner or a brush as these will spread asbestos fibres into the air
- Double bag all waste including masks, overalls, cloths and plastic sheets in plastic sacks, seal with tape and label as asbestos waste
- Contact the local tips in your area to find one that accepts asbestos waste



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