

Testing available for Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members that live within the state of Wisconsin. Restricted to residential structures.



The mission of the Environmental Health Department is to identify and alleviate any environmental hazards that may harm the health of the Ho-Chunk Tribal Members.



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Asbestos Containing Material



Photo source: EPA



What is a Asbestos?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring fibrous silicate mineral. It was used in building materials for its strength, fire retardant, and thermal insulator capabilities.

Just to name a few:

- Pipe wrap insulation
- Spray insulation
- Flooring materials
- Caulk
- Siding and roofing
- Textured paint and patching compounds used on walls and ceilings
- Heat-resisted sheets/fabrics



Asbestos abatement on the exterior siding of a warehouse. Located on the MağWakçaçk "Sacred Earth" / Former Badger property.



MORE INFORMATION

Asbestos can lead to serious diseases such as mesothelioma, asbestosis, and lung cancer. Asbestos is dangerous because it has the ability to break down into microscopically thin fibers. These fibers are so small they can remain airborne for days after they were initially disturbed. While airborne, individuals can breathe these fibers in. Since the fibers are so small, they can travel deep into a person's lungs, where they may eventually lodge in the lung tissue.

If you think that you have asbestos in your home. Do NOT disturb the fibers. Asbestos containing materials do not pose a threat unless the fibers are disturbed and released into the air. Building demolitions, repairs, and renovations on old buildings are areas of a home owners concern. Do not dust, sweep, or vacuum debris that may contain asbestos. This will disturb the tiny asbestos fibers and may release them into the air and allow for inhalation.