HAWKES BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL TE KAUNIHERA Å-ROHE O TE MATAU-A-MÄUI

## HERETAUNGA HASTINGS DISTRICT

## MANAGING ASBESTOS

For Cyclone damaged homes



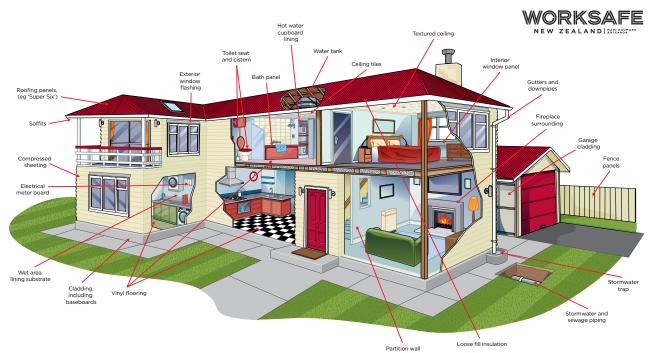
## What is it?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral made up of many small fibres. These fibres are very strong and are highly resistant to heat, fire, chemicals and wear. It's a proven human carcinogen, and all forms of it can cause cancer. The main way people are exposed to asbestos is by breathing in air that contains asbestos fibres.

Asbestos exposure is New Zealand's number one workplace killer. If you don't take the right precautions to protect yourself, you're risking your life and your livelihood.

It won't be obvious that you have asbestos

in your house/building – which is why we highly recommend getting your house/building tested by a professional contractor. To reduce the financial burden of this on residents, Council has created a process and is providing free asbestos testing for Cyclone Gabrielle stickered properties. Find more information about this on the back of this sheet.



Source: WorkSafe, New Zealand

## Helpful resources/websites

Site Safe <u>www.sitesafe.org.nz/guides--resources/practical-safety-advice/asbestos</u> Te Whatu Ora <u>www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/our-health-system/environmental-health/hazardous-substances/asbestos</u> WorkSafe <u>www.worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/asbestos</u>

undertake the work.

