



# Asbestos in Residential Buildings

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## Do you live in an Apartment or Condo?

**Condominium** and **apartment buildings** are considered **regulated facilities** under the Federal and State of Hawaii's Asbestos Rules (Title 11, Chapters 501 through 504, Hawaii Administrative Rule). A regulated facility is defined as "any institutional, commercial, public, industrial, or residential structure, installation, or building...excluding residences or residential cooperatives that have four or fewer total dwellings...".

Although it is not illegal nor a health hazard to occupy a space with asbestos-containing materials in good condition, there are regulations with regards to performing renovation, demolition, and general disturbance activities at regulated facilities.



## Facts

- ✓ Most residential buildings contain some asbestos products (which include ceilings, walls, flooring and insulation).
- ✓ Asbestos-containing materials generally DO NOT pose health hazards if they are maintained in good condition.
- ✓ State and federal requirements help protect public health during renovation and demolition activities which may disturb asbestos-containing materials

## Requirements

- ✓ A State certified asbestos inspector must be used to identify suspect asbestos-containing materials prior to the renovation/demolition activities which may disturb them
- ✓ A licensed and certified asbestos contractor must be used to properly remove, containerize, and dispose of the regulated asbestos-containing materials
- ✓ Owners/operators must file proper notification documents with the State Department of Health



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