

# Asbestos FAQ

## What is James Hardie's history in relation to making products that contained asbestos?

- Up to 1987, James Hardie was involved in the manufacture and distribution of a variety of products that contained asbestos, including building products, pipes, brake linings and insulation products.
- In 1981, James Hardie pioneered the manufacture of the world's first asbestos free fibre cement products.
- James Hardie ceased using asbestos in its building products in 1985 and in its pipes business in 1987. Since then, James Hardie products have been and continue to be asbestos-free.

## How is James Hardie contributing to asbestos disease related compensation?

- James Hardie entered into an agreement with the NSW Government on arrangements aimed at ensuring ongoing funding for compensation payments to claimants suffering from asbestos related diseases arising from products manufactured by James Hardie's former subsidiaries.
- Given the long-term nature of this agreement, which will last until at least 2045, its terms seek to balance the needs of all stakeholders including both current and future claimants. For this reason, it is important that James Hardie remains a healthy and thriving business so that we are able to continue to contribute to the long term funding of claims.
- As at May 2024, James Hardie has, collectively paid over \$2.2 billion to fund compensation payments and asbestos education and medical research.
- James Hardie continues to contribute funds to the Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund (the AICF), in accordance with the Amended and Restated Final Funding Agreement (AFFA). This commitment extends to at least 2045, with recurring automatic ten year extension periods, if required.
- Collectively James Hardie has provided over \$2.2billion towards asbestos disease related compensation, medical research and education since 2001.
- No proven compensation claim against James Hardie (or its former subsidiaries) has gone unpaid.

## How do I find out if products I think may have been made by James Hardie contain asbestos?

- If you have questions regarding whether products you believe were made or sold by James Hardie contain asbestos, please contact our customer service team on 13 11 03. They will be able to provide you with specific product guidance.

## What should I do if I believe I may have an asbestos related disease?

- As a first step, you should consult your doctor or medical professional for diagnosis and advice, as soon as practicable.
- For information about asbestos related diseases and for support, please go to the Asbestos Diseases Foundation of Australia (ADFA) website: <http://www.adfa.org.au/> ADFA is a not-for profit organisation working to provide support to people living with asbestos related diseases, family members, carers and friends.

## Where do I go to find out more about asbestos?

- Asbestos Awareness [www.asbestosawareness.com.au](http://www.asbestosawareness.com.au) – provides information on a state-by-state basis about the dangers of asbestos, asbestos removal, who to contact and other important information.