

Information concerning asbestos in construction materials

Dear Customer

During the construction period of 1950 to 1990, asbestos was used in Germany for house constructions as an aggregate in various building materials to improve fire safety.

Nowadays we know that inhaled fibers of asbestos can cause different lung diseases.

Today asbestos is no longer used.

However numerous old construction materials such as wastewater pipes, roof and wall coverings of buildings, floor panels including adhesives, window sills etc. contain asbestos.

The asbestos fibers used in the above mentioned construction materials are "bound asbestos". The fibers are firmly connected with the construction material and cannot be released as long as the material is not damaged, therefore unproblematic and not needed to remove. The human health and the quality of life inside the apartments are not affected.

It is important that the floor coverings and window sills in your flats are undamaged.

Please note the following points for your apartment:

- Don't remove the coverings and the window sills
- Don't carry out any work - especially drilling, grinding and sawing - which could damage coverings or window sills.

This information letter has been sent to all our tenants living in apartments of the corresponding construction period. It only serves as precaution. If you have any questions or if you notice any damage to the floor coverings or window sills, our customer advisors are at your disposal. Please contact us if you would like to renew carpets or other floor coverings under which there are floor tiles made of plastic.

Regards,
Your GBN
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