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Kids could contract cancer at school

There's a massive danger that many schools across the UK may contain extremely harmful asbestos. Left dormant it can be perfectly safe, however if disturbed the effects of inhaling asbestos can be fatal.

Children who come into contact with asbestos and inhale the fibres are at risk of catching mesothelioma. This is a cancer with a very poor survival rate, over the next ten years it's predicted up to 90,000 people across the UK could die from it.

The Health & Safety Executive (HSE) acknowledges that the majority of the 24,000 schools in the UK are likely to contain asbestos, and that children are particularly at risk of developing mesothelioma. The HSE also admits that some local authorities "still have not established complete control of asbestos in their premises."

Roy Tindall, Managing Director of Reddish Vale Asbestos Removal explains, "We are currently involved in removing asbestos in more than seven schools in Greater Manchester. The reason asbestos was so commonly used in educational properties like schools and colleges because it was cheap, fire resistant and has great acoustic properties. Now we realise what a dangerous substance it is, we need to establish control of the asbestos in any building."

The National Union of Teachers has been calling for the removal of asbestos from all schools for the last twenty years. However at present there is no mandatory procedure, so asbestos continues to be a threat not only to our children, but to teachers, cleaners, cooks and anyone working in schools today.

Roy comments, "Until asbestos removal in schools is made compulsory in the UK, local authorities won't take action, most probably for fear of the cost." Roy asks, "What's more important, the cost of removing asbestos or the cost of a life?"

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Reddish Vale has been involved in the safe removal of asbestos, nationwide for over 20 years. From the initial survey, through to removal and encapsulation we can advise on all sizes of project large and small. We are members of the Asbestos Removal Contractors Association (ARCA) and hold a full asbestos removal



license issued by the Health & Safety Executive. We are also registered with the Environment Agency as a carrier of 'controlled waste.'