

# Textured Coatings (Artex) within your property

Textured coatings were used as a surface coating for interior decorating, most often found on ceilings, which allowed the decorator to add a texture to the surface. Textured coatings are commonly known by the brand name Artex.

Textured coatings were widely used in Britain in the 1970s and 1980s, mainly with the familiar stippled and swirled patterns. Textured coatings were also occasionally used on walls.

Until the mid-1980s, textured coatings were often strengthened with white asbestos. Although the practise became much less common after this, it's still possible that textured coatings applied in properties built before 2000 may contain asbestos.

Choice Housing have carried out sample asbestos surveys within properties that have textured coatings. It was found that the coatings within some

properties do contain asbestos and others do not contain asbestos. Therefore if your property has a textured coating, it is best to assume that it does contain asbestos.

Textured coatings containing asbestos are only harmful if they are disturbed, or damaged. The material poses no risk to occupants while it is undisturbed.

Tenants whose homes contain textured coatings must never sand, grind, chip off or drill the finish without firstly seeking consent from Choice.


If you think you live in a property that was built before 2000 and are concerned about the condition of a textured coating you should contact Choice on **0300 111 2211**.

A circular inset showing a close-up of a stippled textured coating, which has a bumpy, dotted appearance.

**Stippled Finish**

Call us on:  
**0300 111  
2211**

**Was your  
property built  
before 2000?**

A circular inset showing a close-up of a swirled textured coating, which has a pattern of concentric, swirling ridges.

**Swirled Finish**