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NDTG Launches 2025 Domestic Asbestos Awareness Campaign.

The **National Demolition Training Group (NDTG)** is proud to launch its **2025 Domestic Asbestos Awareness Campaign**. A powerful initiative dedicated to educating the public about a hidden but very real risk that could be present in millions of UK homes: **asbestos**.

Despite being banned in the UK 25 years ago, asbestos is still responsible for approximately 5,000 deaths in Great Britain each year. Asbestos-related diseases typically take decades for symptoms to occur following exposure.

Timed to follow **Global Asbestos Awareness Week**, the campaign aims to **spark national conversation** and provide life-saving knowledge to those most at risk: small business owners, ordinary homeowners and DIY enthusiasts who may unknowingly disturb asbestos during renovations or maintenance works.

Is Asbestos Hiding in Your Home?

If your home or retail space was built **before 1999**, there's a **significant chance** that it contains asbestos in some form, from **textured ceiling coatings and floor tiles** to **insulation boards, boiler flues, and garage roofs**.

Disturbing these materials through drilling, sanding, or demolition can release dangerous asbestos fibres into the air, and **inhalation of these fibres can lead to fatal diseases**, including **asbestosis, lung cancer, and mesothelioma**, a particularly aggressive and incurable cancer.

Yet most homeowners remain unaware of these risks.

This campaign exists to change that.

Join the Free Domestic Asbestos Awareness Course –

- **Date:** Saturday, 26th April 2025
- **Time:** 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- **Location:** On-site. NDTG Training Center - Resurgam House, 30 – 31 Mark Road, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, HP2 7BW
- **Cost:** Free (Suggested donation to Mesothelioma UK)

- To support the campaign, **NDTG is offering a half-day training course tailored specifically for the general public.** The goal is to **empower homeowners and small business owners with practical knowledge** that could help prevent exposure to asbestos — for themselves, their families, and their communities.

The course covers:

1. **Legislation** – what the law says about asbestos in homes
2. **What is Asbestos?** – types, identification, and common uses
3. **Effects on Health** – how exposure impacts the human body
4. **History of Use** – why asbestos was used and how its risks became known
5. **Likely Locations** – where you might find it in your home
6. **What to Do if Things Go Wrong** – how to respond safely and legally

The course is **free to attend**, and we encourage participants to make a **voluntary donation** to our chosen campaign charity, **Mesothelioma UK**, which supports those affected by asbestos-related diseases.

[1. Donate to NDTG's Just Giving Page for Mesothelioma UK](#)

[2. Sign Up for FREE Domestic Asbestos Awareness Course](#)

Why This Campaign Matters

Asbestos is often viewed as a workplace hazard, but **millions of people are exposed in their homes or retail spaces**, sometimes with devastating consequences. This campaign shifts the spotlight onto the **domestic dangers** of asbestos, helping people make safer decisions before they knock down a wall, drill into a ceiling, or rip up old flooring.

We're also working to **make noise in the right places**, ensuring our message reaches beyond industry circles and into local communities.

Working Together for Greater Impact

NDTG is proud to collaborate with:

- **[Health and Safety Executive \(HSE\)](#)** – bringing regulatory insight and expertise.
- **[UK Asbestos Training Association \(UKATA\)](#)** – supporting course certification for the industry and awareness.
- **[Mesothelioma UK](#)** – our charity partner, offering care and support to victims of asbestos exposure

- [The National Federation of Demolition Contractors \(NFDC\)](#) – proud campaign supporter and promoter within the wider demolition and construction network
- [Asbestos Removal Contractors Association \(ARCA\)](#) – an affiliated partner, working with us through the **Asbestos Management Institute (AMI)** to improve asbestos education, awareness, and management practices across the UK

How You Can Help

[Register](#) for the free course

👉 [Donate](#) to Mesothelioma UK

👉 **Share** this message with neighbours, friends, and local groups

👉 **Check your home** if it was built before 1999

👉 **Think before you DIY**

Asbestos is the Silent Threat in Your Home — Let's Talk About It

It's easy to overlook what we can't see. But when it comes to asbestos, **ignorance is not bliss — it's a health hazard.**

Whether you're planning a renovation or just want to be better informed, this campaign is for you.

[Official Press Kit for News Outlets](#)

Visit www.ndtg.training learn more, sign up for the course, and join a growing community that's committed to staying safe, informed, and asbestos aware.

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Notes to Editor:

The National Demolition Training Group (NDTG) is the UK demolition industry's top training provider for CCDO and specialist demolition skills training courses. NDTG also advises and supports demolition employers with training needs analyses and claiming grants and funding.

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