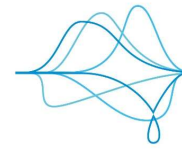




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In August 2021, the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency engaged SEC Newgate Australia to conduct an online survey with 'home improvers' to evaluate asbestos knowledge, attitudes and behaviours.

A home improver is anyone undertaking home improvement projects from small maintenance or improvements to large renovations – including those who outsource all or some of the project.

This factsheet contains the key findings for NSW with n=485 participants (32% of total sample size n=1,506).



Home Improver segments

Participants were divided into five distinct home improver segments* as listed below in order of most vulnerable to least vulnerable.

26% Financially vulnerable DIYers

24% Multicultural young urbanites

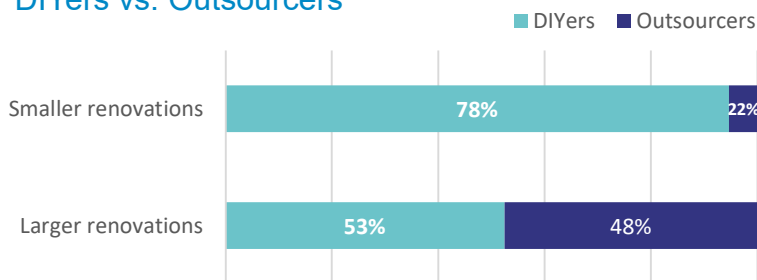
9% Well-heeled DIY enthusiasts

26% Financially comfortable families

24% Cautious older outsourcers

* Refer to the final report – Asbestos Safety and Home Improvement Research 2021 for more information on these distinct segments.

DIYers vs. Outsourcers



Obligation for disclosure

NSW participants **largely agree the following should be obliged to provide asbestos safety information:**

86% A qualified builder or tradesperson

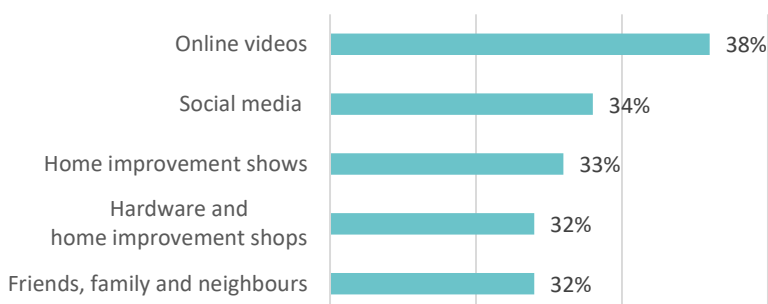
85% Local council

82% State/territory government

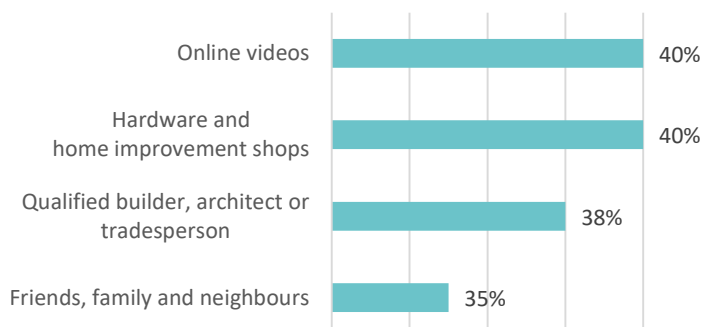
78% Hardware and home improvement shops (e.g. Bunnings, Mitre 10)

77% Australian federal government

Sources of inspiration



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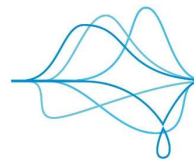


Asbestos disposal

22% of NSW participants indicated that they encountered material containing asbestos during their home improvement project/s.
77% engaged in proper disposal methods with 32% admitting to improper disposal.



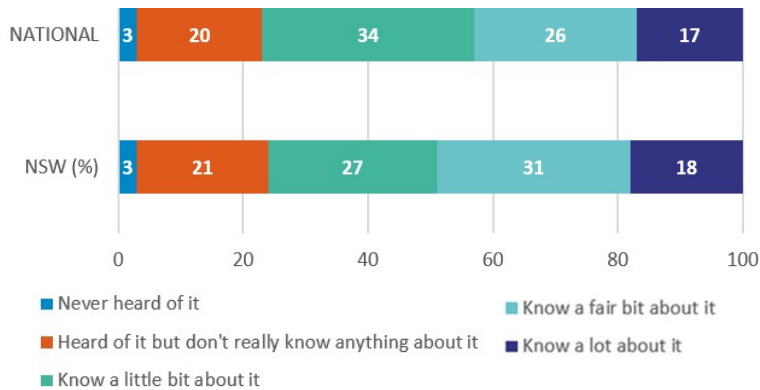
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Knowledge of ACMs when it comes to home improvement projects



ACMs and home improvement projects

Only **6%** of NSW participants **spontaneously mentioned asbestos as a potential risk when planning a home improvement project**. This is on par with the national statistic.



Identifying asbestos

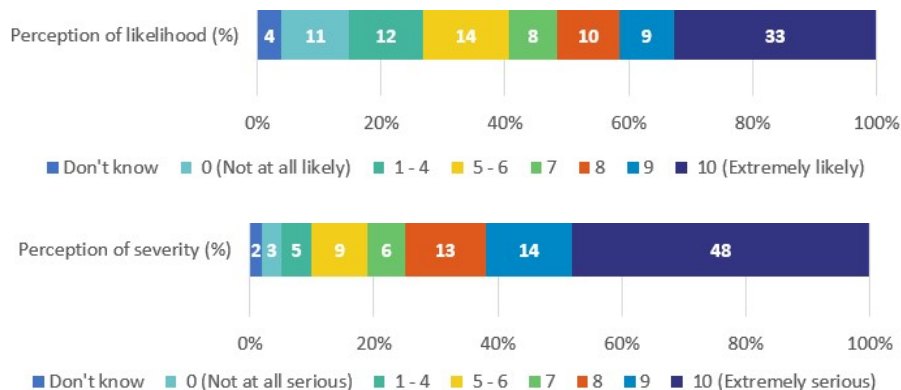
The most common unprompted and prompted suggestions where ACMs could be encountered:

Unprompted - Walls/wall sheeting (36%), roofing/ roof sheeting (23%) older homes/buildings/outbuildings (16%) and ceiling/ ceiling plaster (12%)

Prompted - Wall and ceiling panels (60%), insulation in roof cavities (48%), roof sheeting or ridge capping (46%) and outbuildings (e.g. garden sheds, carports, outdoor toilets (42%))

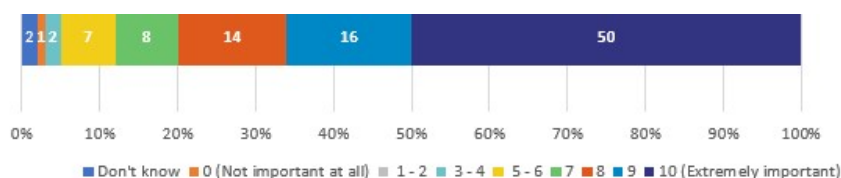
Overall, **92%** of responses **selected materials that could contain asbestos**, however **21%** of responses **incorrectly selected materials that do not contain asbestos**.

Perceived likelihood and severity of risk of ACMs

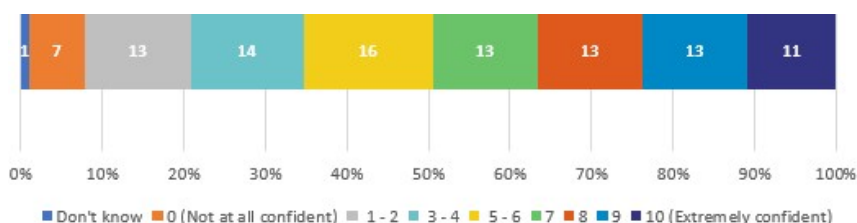


Sentiment towards asbestos

The importance of knowing about managing asbestos in projects (%)



Confidence in their own ability to identify materials or situations that could potentially contain asbestos (%)



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