

**Sign the Petition for:** A central register of Asbestos and phased removal of Asbestos from all buildings

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The petition relates to a central register of Asbestos and a phased removal from all buildings. One of our parishioners is inviting fellow parishioners to consider signing the petition. He said “I see this as a long-term improvement more for children and grandchildren but if I / we could help them then I’d like to promote it. This petition is naturally gaining more airtime because of the RAAC concrete issue at the moment. The whole Asbestos movement has been covered in a series by the Sunday Times and articles by the Daily Mail over the last month or two. Perhaps it is finally getting the notice it needs to as there are c1.5m buildings public and private, in the UK, that could be affected”

**You would be signing this petition to say: I want the Government to commit to two key recommendations of the Work and Pensions Committee inquiry into the management of asbestos. We do not know where all the asbestos is in the country so we need a central register, and we need to make a plan for its safe removal over the next 40 years.**

More information: Over 5,000 people still die from Asbestos related diseases in the UK every year, and these are preventable. There is currently no cure for Mesothelioma in particular with up to 2,700 people still being diagnosed every year. We have no accurate data on how much asbestos there is, figures fluctuate between 300,000 and 1.5 million buildings in the UK and as buildings age the asbestos deteriorates and the risk of exposure increases. The most high-risk settings are schools and hospitals.

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