

# BLOWN AWAY!



## STUDENT RESOURCE

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**WHAT'S GOING ON?** ACTIVITIES 1,2 & 3

**RESEARCH** ACTIVITIES 4,5 & 6

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# WHAT'S GOING ON? - ACTIVITY 1. WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

WHAT INSTRUCTIONS DOES NIKOS' BOSS GIVE HIM ABOUT CLEANING THE GARAGE?



WHAT OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ASBESTOS SAFETY SHOULD NIKOS' BOSS HAVE GIVEN NIKOS?



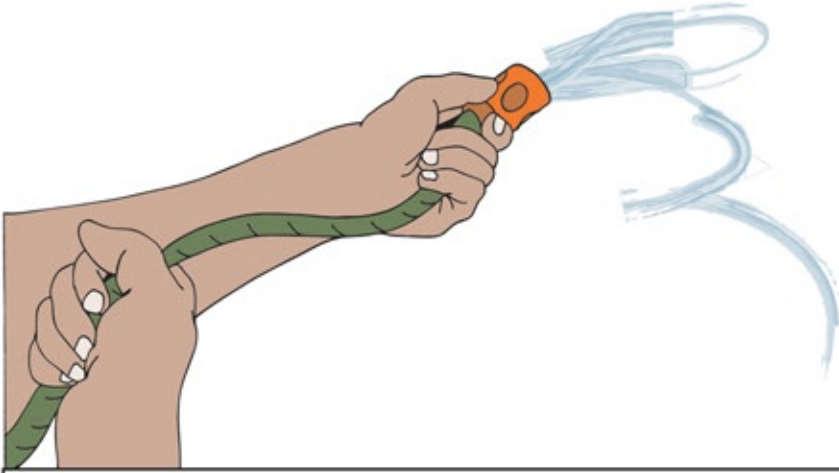
WHY DOES NIKOS DECIDE TO USE THE HIGH PRESSURE HOSE DESPITE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO CLEAN THE WALLS?



HOW SHOULD NIKOS' BOSS HAVE BETTER SUPERVISED NIKOS?



WHY SHOULD THE RAG BE KEPT WET?



WHY SHOULD NIKOS BE GENTLE WITH THE WET RAG?



WHAT PPE SHOULD NIKOS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO WEAR?





HOW DOES NIKOS' ACTIONS TO SPEED UP THE JOB AFFECT THE PEOPLE IN THE SURROUNDING HOUSES?



WHY DOES THE INSPECTOR STOP THE JOB?



WHAT WILL NEED TO BE DONE BEFORE THEY CAN START WORKING AGAIN?



HOW COULD NIKOS' HEALTH BE AFFECTED IN THE FUTURE?



HOW COULD THE NEIGHBOUR'S HEALTH BE AFFECTED IN THE FUTURE?



## WHAT'S GOING ON? - ACTIVITY 2. BLOWN AWAY TIMELINE

WRITE OR DRAW THE IMPORTANT EVENTS IN THE STORY ACCORDING TO WHEN THEY HAPPENED.

1.

3.

5.

2.

4.

6.



## **WHAT'S GOING ON? - ACTIVITY 3. CAUSE AND EFFECT**

WRITE DOWN SOME OF THE CAUSES OF THINGS NOT GOING RIGHT IN BLOWN AWAY AND THE EFFECTS THAT HAPPENED AS A RESULT.

**CAUSE 1.**

**CAUSE 2.**

**CAUSE 3.**

**CAUSE 4.**

**EFFECT**

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## RESEARCH - ACTIVITY 4. ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES

WATCH THE VIDEO:-

**"LOSING BREATH - THE ADAM SAGER STORY"**

[WWW.DEIR.QLD.GOV.AU/WORKPLACE/ADAM-SAGER/INDEX.HTM](http://WWW.DEIR.QLD.GOV.AU/WORKPLACE/ADAM-SAGER/INDEX.HTM)

THEN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW:-

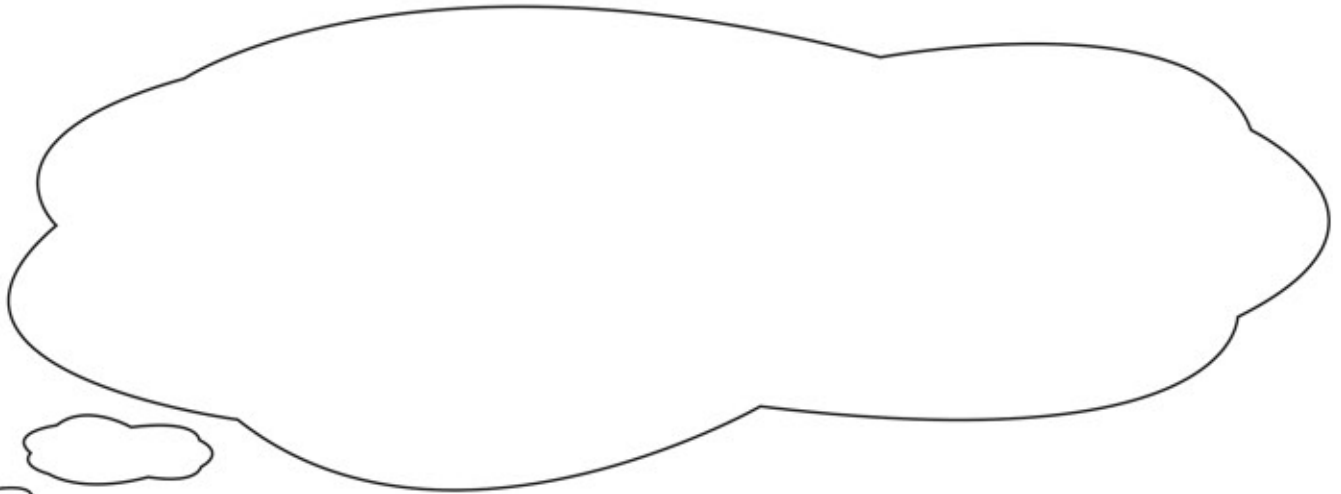


HOW WAS ADAM EXPOSED TO ASBESTOS?

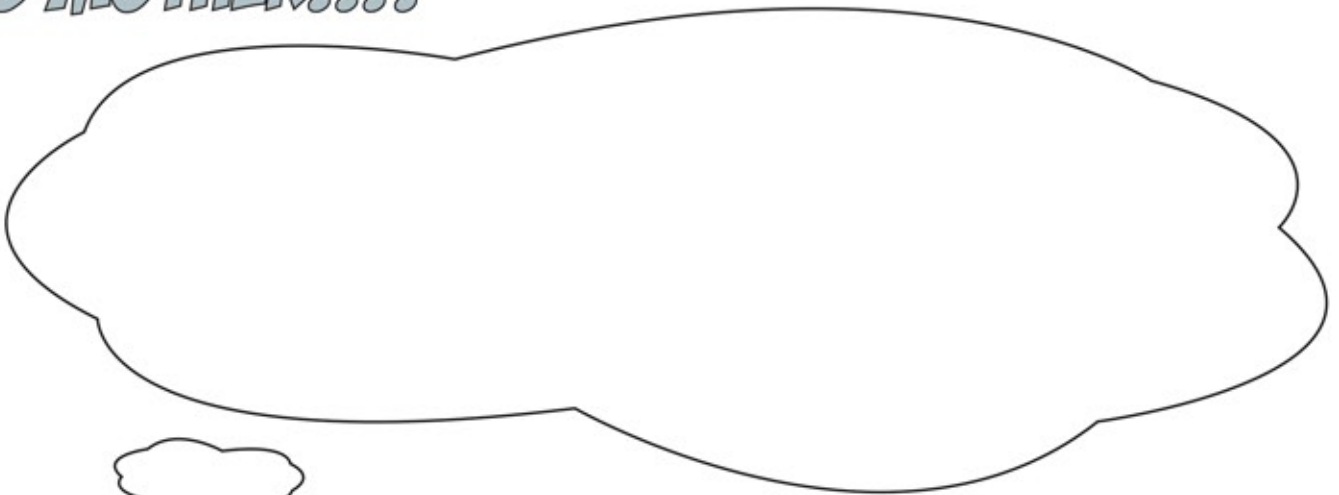
WHAT ILLNESS DID ADAM DEVELOP? WHAT WERE HIS SYMPTOMS?

HOW COULD ADAM'S ILLNESS HAVE BEEN AVOIDED?

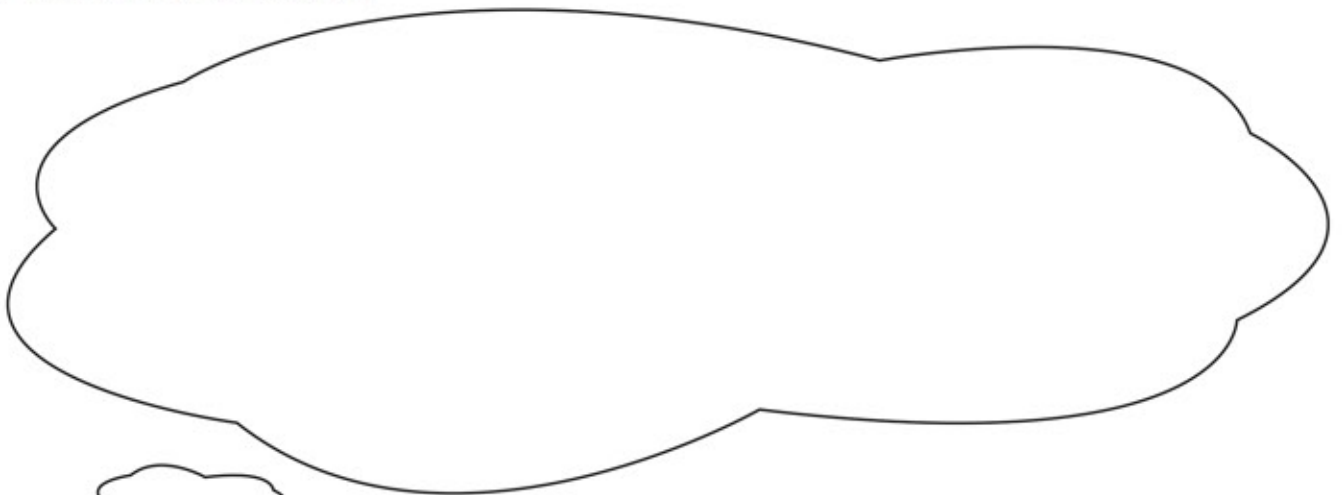
WHAT EFFECT HAS ADAM'S DEATH HAD ON:



**HIS MOTHER...?**



**HIS FATHER...?**



**HIS SISTER...?**





FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES AND  
ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

A GOOD PLACE TO START YOUR RESEARCH IS:  
[WWW.ASBESTOS.VIC.GOV.AU/ABOUT-ASBESTOS/HEALTH-FACTS](http://WWW.ASBESTOS.VIC.GOV.AU/ABOUT-ASBESTOS/HEALTH-FACTS).

WRITE DOWN DETAILS ABOUT ONE ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE.  
MAKE SURE YOU SAY WHICH DISEASE YOU ARE WRITING ABOUT.

WHAT FACTORS CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF GETTING AN ASBESTOS  
RELATED DISEASE?

## RESEARCH - ACTIVITY 5. LOOKING OUT FOR ASBESTOS

FIND OUT WHERE ASBESTOS CAN BE FOUND AT HOME AND WORK. COMPLETE THE TABLE ON THE NEXT PAGE AND PRESENT YOUR FINDINGS IN SOME WAY.



A GOOD PLACE TO START YOUR RESEARCH IS:

**[WWW.ASBESTOS.VIC.GOV.AU](http://WWW.ASBESTOS.VIC.GOV.AU)**

OR THE VICTORIAN WORKCOVER AUTHORITY (THE VWA)  
ASBESTOS PAGE:

**[WWW.WORKSAFE.VIC.GOV.AU/WPS/WCM/CONNECT/WSINTERNET/WORKSAFE/HOME/SAFETY+AND+PREVENTION/HEALTH+AND+SAFETY+TOPICS/ASBESTOS](http://WWW.WORKSAFE.VIC.GOV.AU/WPS/WCM/CONNECT/WSINTERNET/WORKSAFE/HOME/SAFETY+AND+PREVENTION/HEALTH+AND+SAFETY+TOPICS/ASBESTOS)**

AS A GENERAL RULE, BUILDINGS BUILT ...

**BEFORE THE MID-1980'S ARE HIGHLY LIKELY TO HAVE ASBESTOS-CONTAINING PRODUCTS**

**BETWEEN THE MID-1980'S AND 1990 ARE LIKELY TO HAVE ASBESTOS-CONTAINING PRODUCTS**

**AFTER 1990 ARE UNLIKELY TO HAVE ASBESTOS-CONTAINING PRODUCTS.**



**ROOM****PLACES****MATERIALS & OBJECTS****KITCHEN**

E.G. WALLS,  
SPASH-BACKS,  
FLOORS

- BACKING OF VINYL FLOOR TILES
- UNDERLAY SHEETING FOR CERAMIC TILES
- HOT WATER INSULATION SET INTO WALLS

**BATHROOM &  
LAUNDRY****LIVING ROOM****OUTSIDE AREA**

## RESEARCH - ACTIVITY 6. ASBESTOS IN AUSTRALIA

IN THIS ACTIVITY YOU RESEARCH THE HISTORY OF ASBESTOS IN AUSTRALIA.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HISTORY OF ASBESTOS CAN BE FOUND AT:

AUSTRALIAN ASBESTOS NETWORK:  
[WWW.AUSTRALIANASBESTOSNETWORK.ORG.AU](http://WWW.AUSTRALIANASBESTOSNETWORK.ORG.AU)

WIKIPEDIA:  
[HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/ASBESTOS.](http://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/ASBESTOS)



WHERE WAS ASBESTOS MINED IN AUSTRALIA?

WHAT WAS ASBESTOS USED FOR?



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FRIABLE AND BONDED  
ASBESTOS PRODUCTS?



WHAT PROPERTIES DOES ASBESTOS HAVE THAT MADE IT SO USEFUL?



WHEN WAS ASBESTOS BANNED IN AUSTRALIA?



## **APPLIED LEARNING - ACTIVITY 7. ASBESTOS CASE STUDIES**

CHOOSE ONE OF THE CASE STUDIES ABOUT ASBESTOS IN THE DOCUMENT:

**"ASBESTOS: A GUIDE FOR HOUSEHOLDERS AND  
THE GENERAL PUBLIC"**

DOCS.HEALTH.VIC.GOV.AU/DOCS/DOC/ASBESTOS--A-GUIDE-FOR-  
HOUSEHOLDERS-AND-THE-GENERAL-PUBLIC

(SEE SECTION 'WHEN ARE HOUSEHOLDERS LIKELY TO BE  
EXPOSED TO ASBESTOS?').

COMPLETE THE TABLE BELOW:

**NAME OF CASE STUDY:**

**MATERIAL CONTAINING ASBESTOS:**

**POTENTIAL RISKS:**

**HOW THE PROBLEM WAS DEALT WITH:**

## APPLIED LEARNING - ACTIVITY 8. SAFETY AND TRAINING

WRITE A DIALOGUE BETWEEN NIKOS AND HIS BOSS. NIKOS' BOSS SHOULD EXPLAIN WHY NIKOS SHOULD FOLLOW A PARTICULAR METHOD WHEN CLEANING THE GARAGE AND POINT OUT WHY ASBESTOS CAN BE DANGEROUS.



INCLUDE DETAILS OF THE RISKS OF BREATHING IN ASBESTOS AND THE CONSEQUENCES IT CAN HAVE LATER IN LIFE AND EXPLAIN WHAT TECHNIQUES, EQUIPMENT AND PPE ARE NEEDED FOR CLEANING ASBESTOS SHEETING.

YOU MAY FIND **MANAGING ASBESTOS IN WORKPLACES – COMPLIANCE CODE** PARTICULARLY APPENDIX J  
([WWW.WORKSAFE.VIC.GOV.AU/FORMS-AND-PUBLICATIONS/FORMS-AND-PUBLICATIONS/MANAGING-ASBESTOS-IN-WORKPLACES-COMPLIANCE-CODE](http://WWW.WORKSAFE.VIC.GOV.AU/FORMS-AND-PUBLICATIONS/FORMS-AND-PUBLICATIONS/MANAGING-ASBESTOS-IN-WORKPLACES-COMPLIANCE-CODE)) HELPFUL.

