Stop. Think asbestos. Seek advice.

Safety Joe
Hey kids.
You need to listen to what the teacher is going to talk to you about.
What dangers are in my school?

There are some dangers in school that you need to know about.

At the moment, there is one danger that you need to be aware of.
This danger is called asbestos. You may have heard your mum or dad talking about this at home or even adults talking at school.

Asbestos has many tiny fibres that are much smaller than a hair from your head.
If asbestos is broken or damaged the fibres may break off. Then you may breathe fibres into your lungs and this can be really dangerous.
Asbestos was used a long time ago when many houses and schools were being built.

Asbestos was used for walls and ceilings and roofs because it was cheap and easy to work with.
Asbestos is not used anymore but it may still be in some of our school buildings. That’s why we all have to be very careful when it comes to living and working with asbestos.
Asbestos may be in the walls and ceilings of your school.

Where is it likely to be in my school?

Asbestos may be in the walls and ceilings of your school.
What does it look like?

Asbestos pieces lying on the ground.
What do I do?

If you think you see asbestos, do not touch it.

Tell others to keep away from it.

Go and tell a teacher straight away.
So kids!

Make sure you follow a few simple steps

1. Don’t damage asbestos by:
   Kicking balls against walls or ceilings
   Scratching names or words into walls
   Poking holes in walls or ceilings
   Picking it up and throwing it around.
2. If you see a piece of asbestos on the ground don’t touch it. Tell your teacher.