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# Mayor bans asbestos in spray form

The use of asbestos as a spray-coat fire-proofing material is banned in Boston as of today, by order of Mayor Kevin H. White.

In a statement White said that asbestos his been implicated as a primary cause of mesothelioma, or cancer of the lining of the lung and may result in other lung cancers according to medical researchers.

The ban will be included in the Boston Building Code and currently the Building Department is denying all applications for permits for the spray application of asbestos fibers.

The ban was issued on the recommendation of the Boston Air Pollution Control Commission which held public hearings on the problem last March.