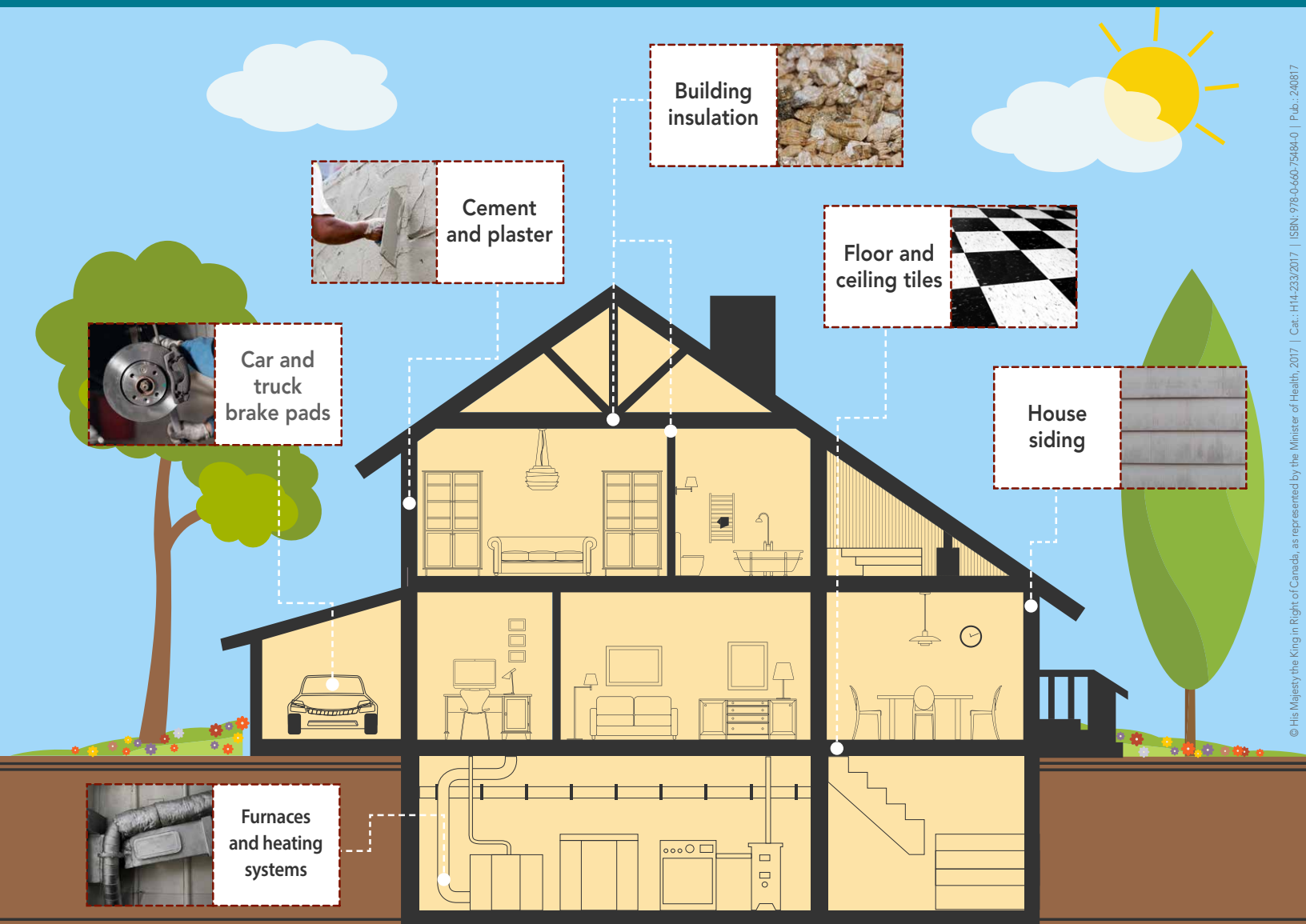


# Asbestos in the Home

Asbestos has been used to make products strong, long-lasting and fire-resistant. Production and use of asbestos have declined since the 1970s. Before 1990, asbestos was mainly used for insulating buildings and homes against cold weather, noise and for fireproofing. It may also be found in some auto parts.



## Tips:

- Avoid disturbing asbestos materials yourself — there are no significant health risks if materials containing asbestos are tightly bound in products and in good condition; sealed behind walls and floorboards; isolated in an attic; and left undisturbed
- Before doing any major renovations, remodelling or demolitions, reduce your risk of exposure in the home by hiring a professional to test for asbestos
- If asbestos is found, hire a qualified asbestos removal specialist to get rid of it before beginning work
- Asbestos may be found in some replacement car parts; be sure to check with your auto parts dealer before doing any work yourself

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