

Statement



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BRITA water filters and asbestos

BRITA water filters are not designed to produce safe drinking water from unsanitary water. Only tap water supplied by waterworks in impeccable condition may be filtered. In general, this drinking water satisfies the strict requirements placed on drinking water quality.

In some drinking water distribution networks there are pipes that are coated with a mixture of asbestos and cement. This type of coating was used in the past. Today we know that the lining can loosen after several decades, especially if the water that flows through the pipes is corrosive. This means that asbestos fibres can enter the drinking water.

As BRITA water filters are not determined to remove asbestos fibres reliably from water, we advise you to contact your waterworks or the owner of your building and discuss possible solutions (e.g. replacing the water pipes or new inner linings), if you suspect that your distribution network uses asbestos pipes.