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Many homes built in the 1960s and earlier had building materials that are no longer used. Chief among those materials is asbestos. Asbestos is now a known, cancer causing material. Although natural (It's not man made), it is a health hazard. Asbestos was a common substance found in exterior siding, insulation around pipes and sometimes ducts and floor tiles. Some of the earlier FOTW's refer to transite. Transite is a pipe that uses asbestos as one of its ingredients.

At this location asbestos floor tiles were found. Again, very common in homes from the 1960s and earlier. In many homes it's not even visible because it has been covered with carpets or laminate flooring for example. As long as it's not disturbed it should be able to remain in place and covered or maintained. If the tiles start to break and flake, then they should be replaced. When asbestos becomes loose and possibly airborne it's friable. This is not good as the particles are small fibers and can easily be inhaled.

If you're ever shopping for a home and it was built before circa 1970 be aware that some elements in the house may contain asbestos. If it is older and has radiators, the pipes inside the walls very well may be insulated with asbestos.



The brown floor tiles are 1) 9 inches x 9 inches and 2) have a marbled appearance. These facts, along with the age of the house is often an indication that the tiles contain asbestos.