

FREQUENTLY ASKED KITEC QUESTIONS

1. What problems are associated with the Kitec plumbing system?

The Kitec plumbing system is for residential use and has been widely used throughout Clark County. It is composed of plastic-coated aluminum pipes and brass fittings. Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc. Dezincification is a process whereby the zinc is drawn from the brass alloy, creating a white crystalline buildup on the inside of the fitting and causing the remaining brass to deteriorate. This occurs when the manufacturer uses too much zinc in producing the fittings. Dezincification can lead to, among other things, restricted water flow and an increased likelihood of the fitting leaking and/or breaking. The problems homeowners have experienced with the Kitec plumbing system, giving rise to the class action, stem from the defective brass Kitec fittings.

2. How do I find out whether I have Kitec in my home?

A home plumbed with Kitec *should* have a yellow sticker in the electrical box. The purpose of the yellow sticker is to alert electricians regarding proper grounding procedures. If the yellow sticker says “Kitec” or “Plumbetter,” the home is likely to have Kitec. However, the yellow sticker may refer to a different plumbing product, meaning that the home probably does not have Kitec. Many of you will not have a sticker, in which case it is unknown what plumbing system your home has.

3. What is the Kitec fitting class action?

The Kitec class action involves homeowners in Clark County who have Kitec fittings in their homes. Class Counsel’s goal is to enable the homeowners to repair their homes with no out of pocket expenses. You need not do anything to be a member of the class action.

4. As a member of the class, am I responsible for attorneys’ fees and costs?

Under Chapter 40 of the Revised Nevada Statutes, attorneys’ fees and costs do not come out of the repair money paid to the homeowners.

5. If my home has Kitec fittings, what are my repair options?

We believe that the only adequate repair method is a complete re-plumb of both the hot and cold water lines of your home. Generally, a full re-plumb takes approximately five (5) days and may require relocation. However, a re-plumb should have no effect on the supplemental features of your plumbing system (i.e., recirculation pump, water softener, etc.).

6. What do I do if I have a leak?

Treat it as you would any other leak, including taking steps to minimize any damage and contacting your homeowner's insurance carrier. If a leak occurs, immediately notify Class Counsel. If a repair is required, keep all receipts and documentation from the repair.

7. Who should I contact with more questions?

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