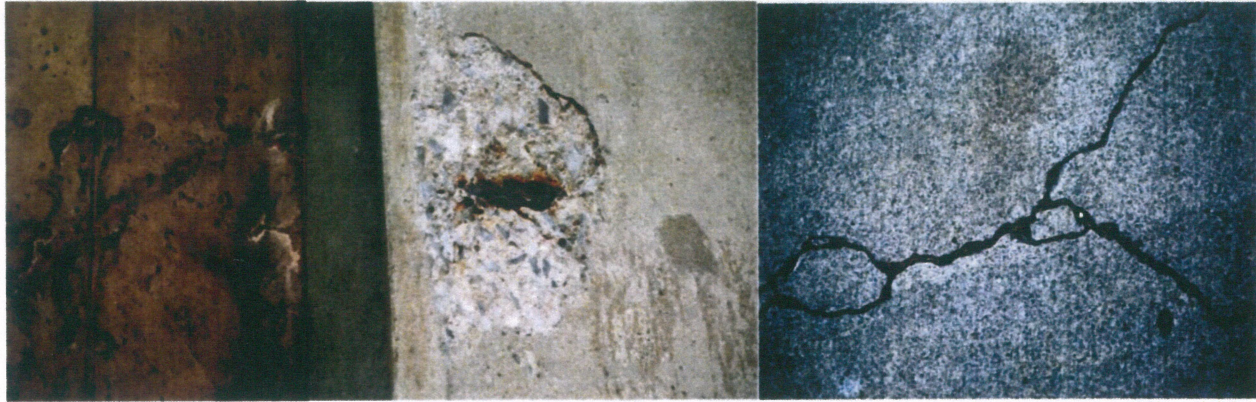


# ARE YOU A VICTIM?

Was your home built in the 1980s or later?

Do your basement walls look like this?



**If so, you may be affected by concrete containing pyrrhotite.**

Pyrrhotite is an iron sulfide mineral. It has been found in a quarry in northeastern Connecticut that provided building aggregate for construction projects in the region. Over time, pyrrhotite that is exposed to oxygen and water reacts and causes swelling and cracking. As a structure continues to deteriorate, it often becomes unsound. No repairs have been found to solve this problem. The only repair is to replace.

**Hundreds or even thousands have never heard of this crisis but may be victims.**

## **Know the Signs of Pyrrhotite**

The cracking is not normal settling or shrinkage. Cracks typically take 15 to 20 years to appear. Cracks may be horizontal, on a 45° angle, or in a spider pattern. You may notice white powder in and around the cracks.

Brown stains or drips may appear that resemble rust.



# ATTEND

## THE MASSACHUSETTS CRUMBLING CONCRETE FORUM

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM**

**MEMORIAL HALL**

**198 MAIN STREET, MONSON, MA**

If your basement has been inspected and the engineer's report confirms there is a concern or if you simply suspect your basement is affected you should complete the survey on

Senator Anne Gobi's website:

[http://www.senatorannegobi.com/Crumbling\\_Foundation\\_Survey.pdf](http://www.senatorannegobi.com/Crumbling_Foundation_Survey.pdf)

**And**

Contact the Office of the Attorney General at (617) 727-2200

Being counted will help compile a list of affected homes. This is important, so our legislators can advocate for assistance.

**MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS AGAINST CRUMBLING CONCRETE**



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