



ASBESTOS

is a group of naturally occurring minerals commonly found in many building materials. Asbestos was used in numerous applications because it is a good insulator and resistant to fire and acids. Prolonged or repeated inhalation of airborne asbestos fibers can cause asbestosis, lung cancer, and mesothelioma. These diseases may not appear until 10-40 years after exposure.

The University has an Asbestos Control Program to protect students and staff from asbestos exposure. The program covers inspections, maintenance and removal of asbestos-containing material (ACM's). EHS staff evaluate construction projects for the presence of asbestos to ensure the materials are safely removed before construction and demolition work begins. The University has a few staff trained to remove small amounts of ACM; however, abatement contractors are frequently used to safely remove ACM for large construction or demolition projects. EHS provides asbestos awareness training for employees that work around asbestos as part of their job's scope.

WHAT TO DO!

- Pay attention to posted asbestos warning signs!
- Avoid cleaning up materials that may contain asbestos.
- Avoid impacting building materials that have not been determined to be free of asbestos.
- Do not handle potential or unknown ACM without proper training and PPE!
- Do not enter an active abatement area.
- Report damaged building materials to CPFM's Work Control (541-346-2319)!
- Never assume a material does not contain asbestos. If you do not know, ask your supervisor.
- Direct additional questions or concerns to EHS.



Report any damage of UO property to CPFM customer service!



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Example pipe labels for OSHA compliance and employee awareness.

