

Many of the older buildings at the University of Washington were built with materials containing asbestos. Asbestos that is sealed into building materials does not pose a health threat.

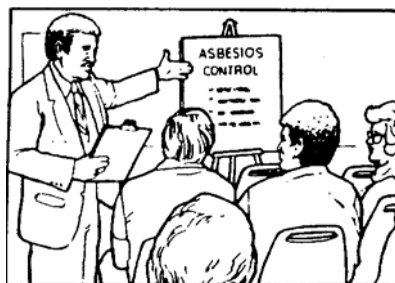
But when asbestos is damaged or deteriorated, small fibers may be released into the air. When these small fibers are inhaled, they can increase the risk of serious health problems, including cancer.

The University of Washington is committing resources and personnel to protect all employees, students and visitors to the campus from potential asbestos health risks.

ASBESTOS CONTROL

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) is involved in a variety of activities to control asbestos hazards on campus. Public health professionals are on staff to:

1. Determine where asbestos is located on campus
2. Assess the public health risk for each location
3. Investigate concerns about asbestos repair and removal projects to assure safe practices
4. Answer employee inquiries about asbestos hazards and protection
5. Provide asbestos safety information and training to employees.



If you have questions about asbestos hazards and protection, call EH&S Occupational Health and Safety at 206.543.7388.

ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND REPAIR

Facilities Services (FS) and the Capital Project Office (CPO) repair and remove asbestos from University buildings. Engineers, architects, certified asbestos workers and skilled trades people work together to:



1. Make sure asbestos is not damaged during routine construction and maintenance projects
2. Repair damaged asbestos materials and surfaces
3. Safely remove asbestos from University buildings
4. Hire and supervise certified asbestos contractors for large-scale asbestos removal projects.

If you have questions about asbestos repair and removal projects call the Facilities Services Asbestos Coordinator at 206.685.3357.

Environmental Health and Safety
Box 354400
www.ehs.washington.edu

WHAT YOU CAN DO . . .

You can help prevent asbestos exposure to yourself and others:



- Report damaged ceilings, walls, pipe insulation or other building surfaces to your supervisor.
- Be careful not to damage building materials and surfaces that may contain asbestos.
- Do not try to repair or renovate University building space yourself.
- Do not install equipment yourself that requires connection to University facilities (like pulling computer cable through ceiling or wall spaces).
- Call for inspection before starting a project that could involve asbestos.

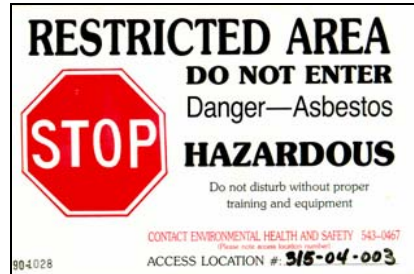
Report damaged building surfaces to Facilities Services (FS).

Upper Campus 206.685.1411
South Campus 206.543.3010

FS Custodial Services

ASBESTOS PROTECTION PROCEDURES

- ✓ Report damaged building surfaces to your supervisor.
- ✓ Buff floors only if there is an adequate amount of finish.
- ✓ Wet strip floors only.
- ✓ If you are asked to clean-up construction debris, check with your supervisor first.
- ✓ Wash windows only if the putty is in good condition.
- ✓ Do not enter areas that have this sign.



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