

ASBESTOS - INSTALLING EQUIPMENT/FURNISHINGS: Your Responsibility for Safety

ATTACHING EQUIPMENT / FIXTURES TO BUILDINGS

Departments often procure furniture, equipment, and fixtures that need to be attached to a wall, floor, or ceiling. Examples may include:

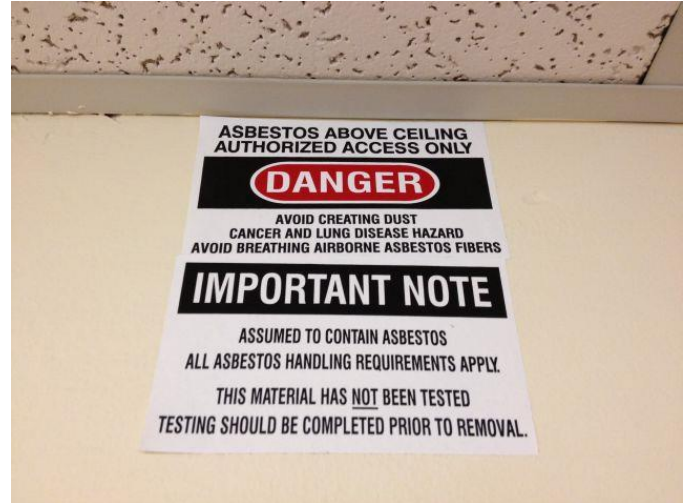
- Office cubicles
- Audio/visual equipment
- Fixed shelving
- White boards
- Other building fixtures
- Televisions

Asbestos, lead, and PCBs are regulated materials commonly found in older buildings. They may be in:

- Plaster or wallboard systems
- Floor tiles, floor sheeting, mastics
- Weather caulking
- Paints and wall coatings
- Wiring and insulation

Contractors hired through Purchasing may include installation in their bid. But the contractor may not be familiar with our buildings and the presence of regulated building materials.

Do not assume new buildings are free of regulated materials. New construction has been found to contain asbestos, lead, and PCBs; even contractors may not know the regulations of regulated materials. When purchases require installation and the installation is being conducted outside of Capital Planning and Development, Facilities Services (FS), contact the FS **Regulated Materials Management Office (RMMO)** at asbestos@uw.edu to schedule a **Building Materials Survey**.



BUILDING MATERIALS SURVEY

A **Building Materials Survey** will identify regulated materials which must be managed. Knowledge of these hazards prevents exposing yourself and others during alterations.

To request a survey on Seattle campus, place a work request with RMMO. RMMO maintains a historical record of surveys. However, if a new survey must be conducted, there may be a charge. For buildings off campus and at other locations or leased buildings, contact the building management for this service. Please contact EH&S if you have any health or safety questions concerning renovations or building surveys.

Your building coordinator may know whether there has been a survey to determine if building material contain asbestos.

Thank you for keeping UW safe.

For questions about building materials safety, contact EH&S at 206.543.7262.