

Asbestos in your workplace: What you need to know

As part of the University's hazard notification efforts,

online General Asbestos Awareness Training is available at:

www.ehs.washington.edu/pubcookie/train/asbestosg/index.shtm

- Asbestos has been widely used in building materials due to its desirable properties including: high tensile strength, fire resistance, and insulation qualities. Many buildings at the University of Washington contain **asbestos-containing materials (ACM)**.
- Asbestos may be found in almost any type of building material or consumer product, but was most often used in **flooring materials, pipe insulation, spray-applied structural fireproofing, and surface textures** (i.e., popcorn ceilings).
- In the near future, the University will begin labeling installed ACM building materials on campus. Please be particularly aware of these materials, but remember that **intact and well-maintained ACM poses no health hazard** to building occupants.
- If ACMs are disturbed or damaged, asbestos fibers may be released into the air. Disturbance or **damage of ACM should be reported to the building coordinator** or facilities services immediately for prompt clean-up and repair.
- If your office or work space has vinyl floor tiles, the castors or glides on your chair may be damaging the tile, potentially releasing asbestos fibers into the air. For more information on how to obtain a floor mat to properly protect your floor, go to www.ehs.washington.edu/ohsasbestos

For further information:

- If you have questions about **asbestos hazards and protection**, call EH&S Occupational Health and Safety Office at **206.543.7388**.
- If you have questions about **asbestos repair and removal** projects, call the Facilities Services Asbestos Coordinator at **206.685.3357**.
- For **concerns specific to your building**, contact your building coordinator:

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PHONE: _____



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