



# **NOTICE**

## **Your chair may be damaging the floor tile!**

### What Is The Problem?

Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) has learned that chair casters and glides are damaging floor tiles in many buildings on campus. We have found that over time chair casters and glides can wear into the floor tile and eventually grind the tile into a fine powder.

### Why Does This Matter?

Not only does this cost the University a significant amount of money to repair, it may place building occupants at an elevated risk for asbestos exposure. This is because floor tiles may contain asbestos. While this is not a hazard under normal conditions, if the tiles are ground into a powder then asbestos fibers may become airborne and pose a health hazard.

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

You have been given this notice because your floor tile is showing signs of wear and we want to protect it in its current state. The best way to protect your floor tile is to obtain a floor mat or some other protective covering.

Any floor mat that is meant for hard flooring can be used; however there are certain floor mats that you can obtain at a significant discount.

Your department can obtain the following discounted floor mat through Office Depot on eProcurement.

- Name: Office Depot Hardwood Floor Chair Mat, Contour, 39"x 49", clear
- Item #: 478490
- Manufacturer: OD76800

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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For more information please attend the Asbestos General Awareness Class.

See <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/psotrain/index.shtm> for information.