



Purpose

This program is to be used to identify buildings without asbestos-containing building materials and ensuring renovations do not add building materials containing asbestos.

Benefits of Program

After first requesting an asbestos assessment from EHS prior to starting work, buildings already designated by EHS as “*asbestos protected buildings*” will be surveyed after the installation of building materials. This will result in quicker execution of construction and maintenance activities, no delay identifying asbestos materials during an emergency event, allowing occupant installation of décor without notification or assistance, and elimination of risk of accidental exposure to a significant known health hazard.

Audience and Scope

This program is intended for Building Owners who are interested in identifying and maintaining their building as an Asbestos Protected Building.

Related Documents

- [University Asbestos Operations & Maintenance Plan](#)
- [Asbestos & Lead Assessment Request](#)

Definitions

Term	Definition
Asbestos Protected Building	A building that has had a comprehensive survey and no identified asbestos-containing building materials. This designation is authorized or removed by the licensed University asbestos consultant.
Building Owner	Individuals with decision making and financial authority who supervise the hard and soft services of a built structure.
CPC	Capital Planning and Construction
EHS	Environmental Health and Safety
PMCS	Project Management and Construction Services
Survey	The assessment, inspection, and collection of suspect asbestos-containing building material samples for laboratory analysis

Responsibilities

Building Owner:

- Coordinating comprehensive inspection activities with EHS and building occupants

- Arranging payment for cost of the inspection and any necessary repairs from destructive sampling
- Ensuring renovation projects are inspected by EHS for asbestos prior to project completion
- Coordinating access for construction inspections with EHS, the General Contractor, and PMCS/CPC

EHS:

- Evaluating and prioritizing buildings for inclusion into the program
- Conducting comprehensive asbestos inspections of all buildings being considered for the program
- Analyzing comprehensive testing results to determine if a particular building qualifies for this program
- Reviewing and interpreting inspection results
- Conducting on-going sampling during construction/renovation activities
- Reviewing the Asbestos Protected Building Program annually
- Removing a building from the program if new building materials are added without a post – construction inspection

Project Manager/Construction Inspector:

- Requesting inspections for construction and renovation projects prior to work starting
- Coordinating timing of asbestos inspection activities with EHS
- Ensuring EHS asbestos sampling occurs prior to final finishes

Procedures

Becoming an Asbestos Protected Building:

The Building Owner will contact EHS Asbestos Program Coordinator about considering a specific building for the program.

Buildings are required to have a comprehensive asbestos inspection in order to participate in the program. EHS will prioritize requests and contact the Building Owner to coordinate initial comprehensive inspections.

Any asbestos inspection report, prepared by a third-party, must be recent and document the survey as a “comprehensive” building inspection.

Review of comprehensive testing results will determine if a particular building qualifies for the program or if additional actions may be necessary. Not all buildings will be able to participate in the program due to known asbestos content of the building, quantity of asbestos containing materials present, and related cost of abatement.

The EHS Asbestos Program Coordinator will notify the Building Owner with results of inspections and determination of participation.

Maintaining an Asbestos Protected Building:

Asbestos inspection request must be submitted to EHS at least 3 weeks prior disturbing building materials, EHS will then advise requestor whether a project is in an Asbestos Protected Building or not. The difference is the timing of the survey.

EHS will review a request for an asbestos inspection and if the building is designated as an asbestos protected building by EHS and part of this program, the requestor will be provided with written notice stating no asbestos was identified in the building and new materials being used in the building must be sampled for asbestos upon installation (prior to final paint covering and re-occupancy).

If EHS does not inspect prior to re-occupancy of the space, marring of surfaces/materials from destructive sampling may be visible. Coordination of repairs and associated costs will be the responsibility of the Building Owner.

If EHS is not notified prior to construction activities and it is identified after completion of the renovation project, the building will be automatically removed from the program.

Re-instatement into the program may require a separate comprehensive asbestos inspection to be funded by the Building Owner.

Revision History

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