

## **Annual Asbestos Notification**

### **Notice to All Cal State East Bay Employees**

Each year, Cal State East Bay employees are notified of the presence of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in campus buildings pursuant to the requirements of the California Health and Safety Code Section 25915. The University continues to survey locations for the presence of asbestos-containing material as the need arises. Asbestos fibers are commonly found in thermal system insulation, fireproofing, fire doors, roofing materials, floor tiles, laboratory benchtops, spray-on acoustic, drywall taping compound, insulation, mastics, and various other materials.

In addition, the Environmental Protection Agency has established a designation for presumed asbestos-containing materials (PACM). All floor tile, mastic, thermal system insulation, and surfacing materials in buildings constructed prior to 1981 are presumed to contain asbestos unless sampling and analysis demonstrate otherwise.

Asbestos fibers are only a health hazard if they become airborne in sufficient numbers. Since asbestos is only a hazard if airborne, it is important for employees to follow proper work practices to minimize the potential for disturbing any PACM and potentially releasing asbestos fibers into the air. In particular, avoid disturbing asbestos materials in walls, ceilings, pipes, or equipment. Do not break, drill, cut, or remove anything that may be considered PACM. If you have any questions about identifying material as PACM, contact the campus Department of Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) before you disturb the material(s).

If you observe any asbestos materials that have been damaged, report the condition immediately to your supervisor or EHS (x5-4138). Do not disturb damaged asbestos debris or materials. Only persons who have been trained and certified are authorized to perform work that may disturb asbestos fibers.

Asbestos survey data showing specific locations known to contain asbestos is located at this link on the CSUEB EHS website: [EHS Website - Asbestos](#).

If you have any questions regarding asbestos on campus, please contact EHS.