

11.3.2 ASBESTOS SAFTY

The University is committed to maintaining an environmentally safe campus that is free of hazardous conditions for visitors, students, faculty and staff. As a vital part of that commitment, the Asbestos Management Program (AMP) is an ongoing activity that includes coordinating construction, installation, renovation, demolition and maintenance activities with safe work practices involving asbestos.

A. Procedures to Obtain an Asbestos Containing Building Material Inspection Letter for Renovation/Demolition Projects requiring a Permit.

The Texas Asbestos Health Protection Rules (TAHPR) state the following, “ A municipality that requires a person to obtain a permit before renovating or demolishing a public or commercial building may not issue the permit unless the applicant provides . . . evidence acceptable to the municipality that an asbestos survey, as required by this Act, of all parts of the building affected by the planned renovation or demolition has been completed by a person licensed under the Act to perform a survey . . .”

The following procedures will assist the University in maintaining compliance with the TAHPR:

1. Identification of the area of renovation/demolition is required. The identification should include a project name, a scope of work and floor plans.
2. Contact the asbestos coordinator in the Department of Risk Management.

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3. Existing building records, sample results and past abatement records will be reviewed to establish conditions of known asbestos containing building materials (ACBM's). The proposed renovation/demolition plans and scope of work will be reviewed to determine any additional sampling that may be required and/or any required abatement.
4. The ACBM Inspection letter will be produced by the University's hygiene firm.

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5. The ACBM letter will be delivered to the appropriate entity to obtain the required permit.

B. Procedures to Obtain Estimates For Asbestos Abatement Required by Renovation/Demolition Projects.

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The Texas Asbestos Health Protection Rules (TAHPR), in §295.34, ©, state the following, “ Prior to any renovation or dismantling within a public building, commercial building, or facility, including preparations for partial or complete demolition, as required by 40 CFR, §61.145, owners must have a thorough survey performed. The work area and all immediately surrounding areas which could foresee ably be disturbed by the actions necessary to perform the project must be inspected and sampled as applicable prior to renovations or demolitions....”

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4. If abatement is required, an estimate will be prepared in the asbestos coordinator's office and will include the following;
 - (a) Costs for additional investigation i.e., sampling, destructive survey, etc.
 - (b) Costs for the 10-Day Notification Fee.
 - (c) Costs for abatement, which will include ARAMARK's supervision fee.
 - (d) Costs for design and monitoring by the University's consultant;

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(e) Cost for an Asbestos Containing Building Materials Inspection letter.

(f) Allotted time for abatement.

5. **Do not contact an abatement contractor for an estimate.** If the asbestos coordinator is not available, the University's consultant should be contacted for estimating purposes. Regulations require third party design and monitoring, which places the hygiene firm in the lead roll for abatement.

C. Hanging Pictures, Plaques, etc., and Other Activities that may Disturb Wall Surfaces and Other Building Materials that are Suspect as Asbestos Containing Material (ACM)

The Texas Asbestos Health Protection Rules (TAHPR), state the following, in §295.34, (b), “ The owner retains the primary responsibility for . . . (2) the obligation to inform those who enter the building or facility for purposes of construction, maintenance, installation, repairs, etc., of the presence and location of asbestos that could be disturbed by those activities, and to arrange for proper handling of any asbestos that would be disturbed or dislodged by such activity; . . .”

The Asbestos Management Program (AMP) is an ongoing activity, which includes the identification of ACM. Campus buildings range in age from the 1800's to present day and accurate historical records of past alterations/renovations do not exist. A majority of the sample results for surface materials on walls are reported to be none detected for ACM. However there are areas of known ACM and areas yet to be determined. Therefore, before any activity that will disturb suspect wall surfaces or other building materials, the following actions are required;

1. Contact the Asbestos Coordinator:

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2. Identify the proposed activity and the location i.e., building name, floor, room number and wall surfaces and/or building materials to be involved.

An investigation of existing conditions will be made, using existing ACM sample data and possible site visits. If no ACM is indicated and it does not appear that the project will disturb any known ACM, notice to proceed will be given. If the investigation does not result in eliminating the existence of ACM and/or its disturbance, the following actions are required;

3. Identification of the department and an account number for the required sampling activity.

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4. Confirmation samples of suspect materials will be taken.
5. Abatement, if required, will be coordinated through the Department of Risk Management.