

**NOTIFICATION OF THE
PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS
CSU SAN BERNARDINO**

This annual notification is being provided for general campus information and to help the campus comply with the requirements of California Health and Safety Code, Section 25915. Asbestos surveys have been conducted at various locations on campus and have confirmed the presence of asbestos containing materials (ACM) in several campus buildings built prior to 1979. Specific locations of ACM identified in the surveys are cataloged by the EHS Department and can be reviewed by contacting EHS.

As a matter of interest, even without surveys any building built prior to 1979 should be suspected of having ACM and treated accordingly. This also applies to residential structures. If your home was built prior to 1979 please understand that it may also contain ACM.

According to the campus surveys asbestos can be found in the various ACMs on campus in concentrations ranging from less than 1% to approximately 30%. Most of the ACM on campus is found in plumbing insulation and roofing materials; however, ACM is also found in some drywall muds, floor tiles and mastics, plaster walls, transite pipes and panels, acoustic materials, and fireproofing materials. Without laboratory confirmation proving otherwise please consider each of these materials as ACM in buildings built prior to 1979.

In an effort to reduce the possibility of allowing asbestos from our buildings to become airborne we would like to request that employees not disturb building materials without appropriate precautions. This means that drilling, sawing, sanding, cutting, and other activities that will release dust from building materials should only be done under controlled conditions which have been approved by the EHS Department. Even activities as simple as hanging pictures on walls may cause dust issues and should be avoided. Before disturbing any material that may contain ACM please contact the EHS Department for specific procedural instructions.

There are little or no health risks associated with the intact ACM on campus. However, if ACM inadvertently becomes disturbed due to an earthquake or other event that causes serious structural damage it is possible that asbestos fibers could become airborne. In this case the EHS Department would take air samples in effected buildings to determine whether asbestos had been released.

Thank you in advance for reading this notice and if you have any questions or wish more information (including questions about your own home) please contact the Environmental Health and Safety Department at extension 75179 or E-mail your questions to allehs@csusb.edu.

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