

**Snapshots!**

**Asbestos Management Program**

<http://ehs.psu.edu/asbestos-management/overview>

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**Who does this program apply to?**

* All University employees (especially maintenance, janitorial and housekeeping) and students.

**What are the key requirements of this program?**

* + Asbestos-containing building materials are found in most of our buildings. Examples include: flooring, thermal insulations, plasters, ceiling systems, etc.
* All damaged building materials must be reported for repairs through your unit or housing maintenance contacts, regardless of whether they are asbestos or not.
* No one may handle asbestos unless they are licensed by PA Labor and Industry or have certain written minor task-specific approvals from EHS, such as OPP and Housing.
* Safety Officers, Facility Coordinators, Managers and Supervisors must:
* Identify maintenance, janitorial and housekeeping employees who require training and ensure they receive.
* Ensure non-maintenance employees and students do not damage asbestos by hanging pictures or plants, running wires, etc.
* Ensure that reports of damage are addressed in a timely manner.
* Ensure that EHS is involved with all renovations that affect possible asbestos, especially if not working with OPP or campus maintenance departments.
* Report contractor problems to OPP or EHS.
* Employees and students must:
  + - Not handle or disturb known or suspect asbestos unless your job description and training allow.
  + Training requirements:
    - Asbestos Awareness Training is required annually for those who may come in contact with asbestos during their normal work (e.g. maintenance, janitorial, housekeeping, designers, project managers, etc.).
    - Asbestos Worker and Supervisor training is required annually for those in OPP (University Park only) whose jobs require proper asbestos handling.
    - Asbestos Inspector training is required annually for those who collect building material samples.
* Self-inspection programs or requirements:
  + - Unit or project dependent (e.g. mechanical rooms, prior to renovations).
    - Everyone should be observant and report damage in their buildings.
* Recordkeeping requirements:
  + - Employees attending Asbestos Awareness Training must register on-line with EHS.

**For additional information:**

* PA DEP Asbestos Information: <http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Air/BAQ/BusinessTopics/Pages/Asbestos.aspx#.Vug-J0bYius>
* OSHA Asbestos information: <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/asbestos/index.html>
* US EPA Asbestos Information:<http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/>