



Safety Instruction

Asbestos Overview

Training and Medical Surveillance

- **Employees who work (conduct surveys, sampling, or abatement activities) with asbestos** as part of their work should receive an asbestos physical, including medical clearance to use a respirator. Any employee who may be working on asbestos abatement should contact EH&S to enroll in the program.
- **Asbestos Awareness Training** should be provided for facilities maintenance employees who **work around asbestos**.

State Regulations

- **Oregon-OSHA and DEQ** regulations on asbestos require that **building materials be sampled** prior to demolition, replacement, or remodeling.

OSU Policy

- OSU construction **safety policy requires sampling for any construction/remodeling** that will impact any of the following building materials, surfaces, or equipment below:
 - Carpet
 - Floor Tiles
 - Walls
 - Ceilings
 - Roofs
 - Sprayed-On-Insulation
 - Insulation on Plumbing
 - Laboratory Benches, Cabinets, and Other Laboratory Furnishings
 - Fume Hoods
 - Chalkboards

Sampling and Surveys

- The campus survey list may not cover **ALL** regulated material.
- When requested, Facilities Services (for maintenance related projects) or EH&S (for capital projects) will perform or arrange the necessary sampling prior to any demolition activities.
- Sample analysis **fees** may be the responsibility of the requesting Department/Unit.
- **EH&S will consult** with departments after the sample results are evaluated.
- **Regulatory fines** issued by OR-OSHA or DEQ for improper demolition or disposal will be the responsibility of the department or unit.

For additional information, refer to the section **106: Asbestos Management Program** in the **OSU Safety (SAF) Policy & Procedures Manual**

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