

Where is Asbestos Found?

A number of buildings at the University have asbestos containing materials (ACM). These building materials may include:

- Vinyl asbestos floor tiles or linoleum sheet flooring
- Mastic used to attach flooring, ceiling tiles, carpet, cove base, cork board
- Pipe insulation
- Joint compounds used in sheetrock walls
- Acoustical/decorative plaster
- Spackling
- Fire doors
- Acoustic ceiling tiles
- Baseboards
- Concrete pipes and siding
- Exterior siding
- Window putty/caulking
- In addition, some laboratory benches, storage cabinets, or fume hoods may be constructed with ACM.

Asbestos in the above listed materials are normally bonded with vinyl, epoxy, cement or other materials. Under normal conditions they do not pose a health threat. However, if the material is cracked, drilled, sanded, or otherwise disturbed, it could result in the release of asbestos fibers into the air that could present a health risk.

Work operations involving ACM must be conducted by certified personnel using proper work practices, containment equipment, and personal protective equipment. For project work information and assessments, contact the Facilities Management Service Center at (970) 351-2446 or submit a work request. A representative will contact you for details.