Asbestos Procedure

Overview

This procedure promotes an effective health and safety program when dealing with asbestos and ensures preventive and responsive attitudes and behaviors at all levels of the University community.

The Provincial statute for this procedure is the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Alberta) and the related Consolidated Occupational Health and Safety Regulation and Code (Alberta).

Purpose

To implement an effective Asbestos Management Plan that ensures responsive attitudes and behaviours at all levels of management, supervision, and staffing in order to protect all persons, including the general public, from the hazards of asbestos.

PROCEDURE

In order to minimize the hazards associated with asbestos, this procedure endorses the creation of an Asbestos Management Plan. This Plan provides the framework, which includes an inventory of Asbestos Containing Material in buildings, an inspection protocol, training and education, occupant notification, and work procedures. This plan will also satisfy the regulatory requirements identified in the Chemical Hazards Regulation and the Alberta Building Code. This Plan shall encompass all University owned or leased facilities. It shall be the collective responsibility of all unit leaders to ensure staff are aware of this procedure and that it must be followed.

DEFINITIONS

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use.

| Asbestos | The common name given to a group of naturally occurring minimal silicates which can be separated into flexible fibres. There are two main mineralogical classifications of asbestos; serpentine and amphiboles. These classifications are based on the rock types which form the asbestos. |

FORMS

There are no forms for this procedure.

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