

## **ASBESTOS CONTROL POLICY**

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## INTRODUCTION

Many construction and insulation materials contain asbestos. These materials, if removed, or disturbed in an uncontrolled manner, can release asbestos fibres into the air, possibly causing a health hazard. The disturbance and mishandling of the Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACM) can result from activities performed in close proximity to, and not necessarily on asbestos-containing insulation materials. All personnel working with, or in proximity to where there is a likelihood of disturbance to the friable asbestos products must be informed by their

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

Compliance with this policy is the responsibility of the supervisors of personnel at all levels within administrative, faculty, and ancillary operations, or supervisors of contracted activities where workers may come in contact with ACM.

All uncontrolled asbestos-disturbance incidents must be reported immediately upon discovmd988-2.9 (e.20-incident report is also required from each affected person's supervisor. It is understood that

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## **REQUIREMENTS**

- (a) All handling, renovations, maintenance activities, construction, demolition, and other projects in areas containing ACM, must be performed in accordance with relevant Facilities Management Work Procedures. In situations where these written procedures do not address specific circumstances, appropriate measures must be taken to control the release of asbestos fibres to protect all building occupants. Both Facilities Management and OHS are to be consulted when such matters arise.
- (b) University staff and contractors shall not attempt to handle or work in close proximity to ACM without first obtaining the Asbestos Awareness training, in accordance with the OccupOccupti2 (H)-6(e)4 (a)4 (l)3 (t)-2 (h )2 (a)4 (n)-6(d )2 S(a)4 (f)1ety ct84 (, )-4 RieulOccn , ectccu training, indiviual-12.2 (s )-13 (w)14 idll not be permitted tooroor in clo46(se )2 (p)4 (ro)-6xvimit72 (y )-