

Medical College of Wisconsin Contractor Notification - Asbestos

The management of asbestos-containing material (ACM) located in Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) buildings is regulated by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

All Contractors are hereby notified that MCW facilities have construction materials that are known to contain asbestos, located in the Medical Education Building (MEB) and the Basic Science Building (BSB).

Facilities Engineering and Maintenance (FEM) manages the asbestos at MCW, and all work that may impact potential ACM must be coordinated through FEM. FEM will consult previous asbestos surveys and removal reports, and evaluate the construction area. MCW has licensed asbestos inspectors, who can sample and analyze suspect materials.

Roofing materials and adhesives are considered suspect until tested.

BSB:

BSB was constructed in 1978, when asbestos was often used as a building material. Asbestos has been identified in some of following building materials in BSB, and should be considered asbestos-containing material unless analyzed and proven otherwise:

- Thermal insulation (mudded) and pipe wrap on pipe elbows, joints, and valves;
- Lab countertops;
- Fire doors;
- Fume hood/flammable cabinet transite liners
- HVAC/Duct mastic;
- Window and door caulk; and
- Vinyl floor tiles and adhesive under vinyl floor tiles.
- Carpet mastic may also be contaminated with ACM floor tile adhesive, if the adhesive was not removed prior to installing the carpet.

MEB:

MEB basement and floors 1-3 were constructed in 1976/78, when asbestos was often used as a building material. The 4th floor was added in 1992. Building projects involving the removal of carpet Asbestos has been identified in some of the following building materials in MEB, and should be considered asbestos-containing material unless analysis proves otherwise:

- Thermal insulation (mudded) and pipe wrap on pipe elbows, joints, and valves;
- Mudded straight-run pipe lagging (limited amount observed; some steam pipes) ;
- Lab countertops;
- Fire doors;
- Fume hood/flammable cabinet transite liners
- HVAC/Duct mastic or joint putty;
- Adhesive under vinyl floor tiles;
- Adhesive under linoleum sampled on 2nd floor;
- Window and door caulk;
- Brown floor tiles and corresponding mastic in the Basement Room (N041); and
- Carpet mastic may also be contaminated with ACM floor tile adhesive, if the adhesive was not removed prior to installing the carpet.

Thermal insulation that has been sampled and tested negative for asbestos, will be labeled as such. Assume all other suspect thermal insulation (non-fiberglass) contains asbestos until tested. Other suspect materials not listed must be reviewed and tested prior to disturbance (e.g. ceramic tiles/adhesives).

Any damaged material should be reported to FEM, for repair or removal.