

Asbestos Safety Notification

Section 25915.2 of the California Health and Safety Code requires that all UC Irvine employees receive annual notification regarding the presence of asbestos in campus buildings constructed prior to 1979. This message includes information about where asbestos may be present on campus and how UC Irvine works to minimize the potential for release of asbestos fibers.

What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring group of fibrous minerals that were used extensively in building materials in the past, including in some buildings on the UC Irvine campus. It is important to note that **the presence of asbestos does not mean that you have been exposed. Generally, intact and undisturbed asbestos-containing materials do not pose an immediate health risk.**

Asbestos may become a health and safety concern when it becomes friable, meaning it is rendered into inhalable or ingestible powder due to being crushed or pulverized. Prolonged or chronic heavy exposure to asbestos fibers has been linked to respiratory health conditions, which is why proper identification and professional handling of asbestos-containing materials is followed as a standard safety precaution.

Risk mitigation

This notification includes a list of buildings built prior to 1979 and information about potential asbestos containing materials found on campus. Employees who are not qualified to handle asbestos-containing construction material should never move, drill, bore, or otherwise disturb identified asbestos-containing construction materials because it presents a serious health risk.

If you suspect the presence of asbestos in your area, consult with Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) for proper assessment and management. EHS regularly monitors the condition of these materials and develops response actions plans when warranted.

UC Irvine Asbestos Management Program

UC Irvine has a written asbestos management plan designed to minimize the potential for release of asbestos fibers. It further outlines a schedule of actions to be undertaken with respect to the asbestos. A copy of the plan can be obtained from EHS or downloaded at this link:

https://ehs.uci.edu/programs/_pdf/industrial-hygiene/asbestos-management-program.pdf

UC Irvine Buildings Built Before 1979

Building Name	CAAN ID	Campus Map Building #	Year of Construction
Air Pollution Labs	9238/39	094	1974/75
Aldrich Hall	9003	111	1973
Arboretum (Greenhouse)	9228	096	1966
Arts Annex	9103	522	1975
Arts Instructional & Technology Resource Center (AITR) / Fine Arts Orchestra Hall (Choral Studio)	9058	714/718	1970
Auto Maintenance - (FM Shops)	9227	097	1965
Aviary Facility 1	9220	096	1973
Beall Center for Arts & Tech. and University Art Gallery	9055	712	1970
Berk Hall (Medical Education Building)	9330	802	1969
Carpenter Office Trailer 2	9237	NC	1968
Central Plant	9302	902	1965
Claire Trevor Bren Theatre	9051	711	1970
Corporation Yard - (FM Shops)	9230	097	1965
Crawford Hall / Pool	9300	903	1965
Drama Design Lab	9027	603	1966
Engineering Tower (Eng I)	9125	303	1970
Experimental Garden Facility	9305	NC	1970
Facilities Management Building	9225	092	1962
Faculty Research Facility	9226	095	1964
Farm School Buildings and Red Barn	9850/51/52/53	626	1971
Gateway Study Center	9002	101	1965
Headhouse Greenhouse	9026	514	1968
Humanities Hall	9030	601	1965

Information and Computer Science	9126	302	1970
Interim Classroom Facility	9138	315	1976
Krieger Hall (Humanities Office Building)	9025	600	1965
Langson Library	9001	102	1965
Mate Choice Trailers	9233/34	NC	1972
Medical Sciences A	9325	813	1978
Medical Sciences B	9328	811	1978
Medical Sciences C	9322	821	1978
Medical Sciences D (Cheney Hall)	9323	825	1978
Medical Student Center (Med Sci E)	9333	827	1978
Medical Surge I	9326	810	1969
Medical Surge II	9329	812	1969
Painting Office Trailer 3	9240	NC	1970
Plumbers Office Trailer 1	9236	NC	1968
Receiving (Storehouse)	9231	091	1965
Rowland Hall (Phys Sci 1)	9100	400	1968
Schneiderman Lecture Hall (Bio Sci L H)	9078	501	1965
Shops Building	9235	NC	1974
Social Science Hall	9202	200	1971
Social Science Laboratory	9203	202	1971
Social Science Tower	9204	201	1971
SOTA Art Studio	9056	722	1970
SOTA Dance Studio / Studio Theater	9052	713	1970
SOTA Drama Building	9054	715	1970
SOTA Production Studio	9053	723	1970
SOTA Sculpture Studio / Nixon Theater	9057	720	1970
Steinhaus Hall (Bio Sci 1)	9075	502	1965

Storage Containers	9242	NC	1978
Student Health Center	9201	005	1968
Student Services 1	9004	105	1977
Tamkin Student Lecture Building (Med Sci F)	9332	831	1978
Track & Field House (Athletic Utility Building)	9308	907	1972
Winifred Smith Concert Hall	9050	710	1970

Asbestos containing materials

Building occupants should be aware that asbestos may be found in, but is not limited to, the following materials:

- Acoustical panels
- Carpet mastic
- Caulking
- Ceiling tiles
- Chalkboards
- Fire rated doors
- Fireproofing
- Floor tile
- Floor tile mastic
- Fume hood insulation/panels
- Gaskets
- Glazing compound
- Gypsum board/drywall and/or joint Compound
- Joint vibration cloths for HVAC
- Laboratory bench tops
- Linoleum
- Pipe insulation
- Plaster
- Stucco
- Texture paints
- Transite panels
- Transite shingles
- Wiring

Contact EHS for specific locations within the building where asbestos-containing construction materials are present.

More information

For information on asbestos and UC Irvine's Asbestos Management Program contact UC Irvine EHS at 949-824-6200 or email at safety@uci.edu.