

Asbestos FAQ

- **What is the hazard?**
 - Asbestos is a known carcinogen that can cause cancer and other lung diseases.
- **Where was asbestos used?**
 - Asbestos was in buildings for fireproofing, siding, shingles, insulation, flooring and ceiling tiles, glues and caulks and automotive brake pads (not an inclusive list).
- **Where is asbestos commonly found?**
 - Boiler and mechanical rooms, pipe chases, crawl spaces, laboratories, ceilings and flooring (not an inclusive list).
- **Can I still purchase products that contain asbestos?**
 - Yes, as some countries are still actively mining asbestos and selling it.
- **Is there asbestos at FSU?**
 - Building Surveys can be found on (SAM) or by contacting the Environmental Coordinator with the SHERM Department.
- **Is asbestos harmful to me?**
 - Asbestos is only harmful if it is disturbed and becomes airborne.
- **How is asbestos handled at FSU?**
 - Employees that have the potential to disturb asbestos receive annual training. Asbestos abatement (removal, repair or demolition) is conducted by properly licensed and trained asbestos abatement contractors.
 - Properly licensed and trained asbestos abatement contractors conduct asbestos abatement (removal, repair or demolition).
- **What do I do if I think I have damaged asbestos in my work area?**
 - Questions or concerns pertaining to asbestos should be directed to the Environmental Coordinator within the SHERM Department.
- **I would like to receive training:**
 - Go to GCN (www.gcntraining.com)