

University of Notre Dame Asbestos Abatement Policy

The identification, inspection, encapsulation, repair and removal of asbestos containing materials on the University campus is managed by the Risk Management and Safety Department.

The Risk Management & Safety Department is responsible for identifying contractors properly accredited for asbestos related work. This is a multifaceted process that includes licensing and registration, equipment and manpower, individual certification, specific insurance requirements and references. Due to the nature of asbestos related work, the department has identified and approved one local asbestos contractor. This contractor currently provides all asbestos related services for the University. The health and safety of the campus community is always the priority in any abatement project.

The decision to abate (encapsulate, repair or remove) is based on several conditions including type of material, location, age and condition. Asbestos removal projects are primarily driven by renovation and mechanical replacement projects. Project scopes may range from single valve insulation removal to entire building asbestos removal. Project locations include buildings constructed prior to the 1970's, the Utilities Plant and the University's utility tunnels.

All abatement projects are approved and monitored by the Risk Management & Safety Department. The University makes every effort to conduct asbestos related work during typical off hours of the day; after 5 p.m. and before 7 a.m. or on weekends. However, with emergency related and other work this is not always possible. During most abatement projects, the University also employs an independent contractor whose sole responsibility is to conduct air monitoring outside the project area, assist in project monitoring and conduct air sampling in the abatement area upon project completion (clearance air sampling).

All projects must follow State and Federal requirements for material control, worker protection, air handling and filtration, wet removal, air monitoring and clearance sampling in addition to the requirements set forth by the Risk Management & Safety Department for specific jobs.

Questions regarding the asbestos abatement program, specific abatement projects, contractor information, air monitoring information or job class specifications contact the Risk Management & Safety Department at 631-5037.