

Standard Operating Procedures for the Control of Asbestos Fibres During Type 2 Operations

Asbestos-containing Vermiculite in Masonry Wall Cavities

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Site Conditions: Asbestos-containing vermiculite is present or presumed to be present in exterior and interior masonry wall cavities throughout South Residences (Building 72), Lennox/Addington Hall (Building 172), Alumni Stadium (Building 178), Grad House – 346 Gordon Street (Building 116) and in Room 1105 of the Edmund C. Bovey Administration Building (Building 80).

Application: These procedures apply to any work that may disturb asbestos-containing vermiculite in interior and exterior masonry block wall in these buildings, which may generate airborne asbestos fibres and be classified as a Type 2 operation.

References:

- 1) Ontario Regulation 278/05, Designated Substance – Asbestos on Construction Projects and in Buildings and Repair Operations, made under the Occupational Health and Safety Act of Ontario.
- 2) Ministry of Environment Regulations for the disposal of asbestos waste, including R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 347, and subsequent amendments.
- 3) Ministry of Transportation Regulation for the transport of asbestos waste.

Procedures:

1. Prior to commencing ANY work that may disturb, pierce or expose masonry wall cavities in these buildings, an asbestos abatement contractor must confirm site conditions and abate and/or remove any asbestos-containing debris, in accordance with Type 2 procedures. Examples of applicable work include:
 - Removal of the exterior cover to work on the heater units in South Residences, Building 72;
 - Electrical or computer networking work that requires pulling wires within masonry wall cavities;
 - Breaking seals in receptacles;
 - Any work within wall cavities;



- Drilling holes for anchors; and
- Removal of receptacle covers in any location in South Residences, Building 72, EXCEPT in student rooms and bathrooms.

Note: Removing receptacle covers in student rooms and bathrooms is permitted.

2. Inform your Supervisor or designate if you will disturb masonry walls in the course of your work and require an asbestos abatement contractor. If your Supervisor or designate is unavailable, an employee may reach out to the asbestos abatement contractor directly and advise their Supervisor of the actions taken thereafter.
3. If you discover asbestos-containing vermiculite or other asbestos-containing materials in the course of your work, stop work and call your Supervisor immediately.