

Safety Awareness

Asbestos Awareness Campaign

October/2017

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The Work Environment Group is reminding workers, contractors and visitors that Asbestos Awareness is an important issue at the University. We aim to raise awareness of asbestos, and where asbestos materials could be found within your work or home space.

- Before conducting any construction work, it is important to know what asbestos is, as well as how to manage, control and remove it safely.
- Appliances may contain asbestos materials such as heat shielding such as in a heater/stirrer hotplate
- If you're not sure whether something is an asbestos containing material, assume it is until you have it confirmed by an expert and if it needs to be removed, engage a licensed asbestos removalist.
- If any asbestos containing material is suspected report it immediately to your supervisor and the Work Environment Group for assistance.
- It is important to maintain an up to date asbestos register for your workplace and have it accessible to all people who may need to review it, such as contractors or workers.
- Asbestos becomes a health risk when its fibres are released into the air and breathed in.

See Safe Work Australia [Asbestos webpage](#) and the [Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency](#) for more information.

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Staff and Students are reminded to report incidents to their supervisor and/or through the Figtree online incident notification systems.