

ADVISORY NO. 3.10:

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
PROCEDURES FOR CONTRACTORS
ENCOUNTERING SUSPECT ASBESTOS
CONTAINING MATERIALS DURING
CONSTRUCTION / RENOVATION

Ideally, all construction projects are inspected for asbestos prior to start (see Advisory 3.0). However, due to unforeseen circumstances, etc., a contractor may encounter suspect asbestos material. When this occurs the contractor should:

- Cease working in the area where the suspect asbestos material is found.
- Contact the UC project manager **immediately** at 556-5200.

The project manager will contact **Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S)** and request that the area be inspected/sampled as soon as possible.

If the EH&S representative determines that there is asbestos present (through sampling) and it has or may become friable if work continues within the construction limits:

- the area will be evacuated immediately, ventilation shut down, etc.
- air monitoring will be conducted to determine the extent of the asbestos contamination.
- the contaminated area will be cleaned and asbestos removed/repaired.
- final air clearance will be conducted to verify that the area is safe for reoccupation.

Any questions should be directed to Environmental Health & Safety at 556-4968.