

## Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) at School District 61

There are sources of Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) present throughout School District 61 that can be encountered during tasks undertaken by our Facilities Trades Team, releasing contained material and exposing workers to this hazard.

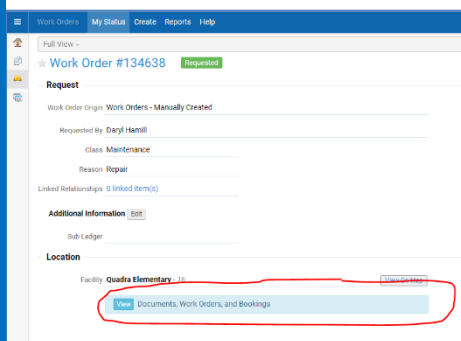
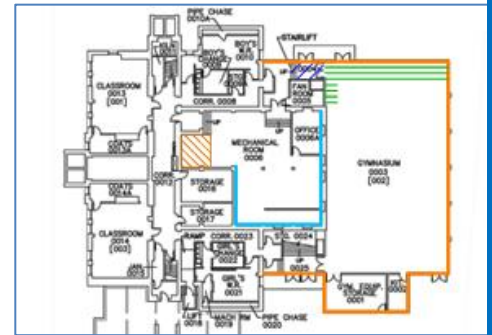
### What can you do to protect yourself and others from exposure?

1. Review the SD61 Asbestos Exposure Control Plan and be familiar with it.
2. Before beginning work, consider if your work could disturb ACM. The following are some areas where ACM can traditionally be found, especially in pre 1995 structures:
  - Floor tiles and the adhesives used with them
  - Inside cinder block walls (released through new or existing penetrations or openings)
  - Drywall compound
  - Duct, pipe and ceiling/void insulation
  - General demolition
3. A comprehensive inventory of **known** ACM locations was completed in 2021/2022 and is available online in eBase.

#### LEGEND:

A-C: Asbestos Containing

- A-C Floor Covering (sheet) - 70% Chrysotile asbestos
- A-C Vermiculite (in block walls) - 1% Actinolite asbestos
- A-C Window Caulking - 77% Chrysotile asbestos
- A-C Pipe Insulation (elbows & fittings) - 70% Chrysotile asbestos
- A-C Mastic (walls & ceilings) - 2% Chrysotile asbestos
- A-C Mud (walls & ceilings) - 2% Chrysotile asbestos



Prior to starting all work review the ACM plans. Pay attention to the Red Dots at the location that indicate ACM is present in the room. There may be locations where ACM is present but not found in the inventory. If your work has the *potential* to disturb or encounter ACM or if you have any concern at all, ask your supervisor, review the ACM plans for the location that you will be working and ensure samples are taken and testing is completed by a qualified and certified contractor

before work begins.

4. When beginning work, if material that could be ACM containing is discovered, stop work, contain the area and notify your supervisor immediately. This will always take priority over completion of the work.

**Effective January first, 2024, specialized training and a certification directly from WorkSafeBC is required before testing or remediating ACM.**