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Asbestos Management

An Asbestos Management Program helps to prevent the release of asbestos fibres into occupied areas of a building by identifying and managing asbestos-containing materials (ACM). It is intended to prevent the release of asbestos fibres into the air and to protect building occupants from exposure. Saskatoon Health Region facilities are at various stages of completing asbestos audits and labeling.

Facilities that have already been assessed may have asbestos sources marked with signage and/or labelling. A red dot, or having the item labeled with the word Asbestos are commonly used as identifiers in SHR. Facility specific details are available on these two websites:

- http://www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca/your_health/facilities_directory.htm
- <http://www.lrws.gov.sk.ca/asbestos>

Annual inspections ensure they are kept in a form that will not release fibres. If repair work is required in areas containing asbestos, appropriate agencies are contracted for safe removal and signage will be posted to notify patients, residents and health care providers of work being performed.

Sources of asbestos in a building may include:

- asbestos cement pipes; wallboard; siding; roofing; packing materials; gaskets; felts; caulking; putties; joint compounds; adhesives
- vinyl and asphalt flooring, including:
 - backing and mastics
- acoustic or decorative wall and ceiling plaster, including:
 - paints, spackles, coatings, ceiling tiles, lay-in panels
- thermal insulation, including:
 - spray-applied, blown-in, boiler, breeching, pipe, tank, vessel
- fireproofing material, including:
 - blankets, curtains, countertops, gloves, electrical wiring, insulation, cloth, structural insulation
- flexible fabric duct connections and insulation
- interior surfaces of ductwork in buildings where there was past airborne contamination with asbestos fibres

Your safety is our first consideration.