

OXFORD UNIVERSITY

ASBESTOS POLICY



WHY

To prevent inadvertent disturbance of asbestos containing materials and the exposure of employees, students, contractors, and visitors to airborne asbestos fibres.



WHO

Everyone has a responsibility to ensure that activities under their control do not disturb asbestos and thereby, pose a risk to themselves or others. A detailed list of duty holders and their corresponding [responsibilities](#) and required training can be found here.



WHAT

University staff and students are not permitted to work directly with asbestos containing materials, in building fabric, equipment, or objects, without using a [licensed contractor](#) or gaining authorization from the senior duty holder. Departments must submit an arrangement form stating how they will implement the policy locally, to Estates Services [Compliance Team](#).



WHERE

The policy statement applies to all departments, faculties and units.



WHEN

This is essential for those undertaking maintenance, repair, refurbishment or development work and those handling asbestos containing objects. The [Asbestos Register](#) must be consulted prior to engaging in any works. Even minor works such as, fixing shelving to walls. Buildings constructed prior to 2000 should be assumed to contain asbestos materials.



QUESTIONS

Any questions regarding the policy can be directed towards the Estates Services [Compliance Team](#), or the [Safety Office](#).

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