ASBESTOS FIBER RELEASE EPISODE

An asbestos fiber release episode occurs when asbestos containing material (ACM)* is accidentally disturbed and released into the atmosphere. Asbestos fiber release episodes are classified as either a major or minor event. Unless documentation proves otherwise, all suspect asbestos containing material (SACM)** will be treated as ACM.

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If a major fiber release episode occurs, IU Abatement and the University Office of Environmental Health and Safety Management (UOEHSM) must be notified immediately.

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**Major fiber release episodes** are considered reportable and may pose a risk to building occupants. The response action for a major fiber release episode will be conducted by licensed personnel. The procedures to be followed will vary according to the site, amount of ACM, extent of fiber release, relationship of the release area to the air handling systems, and whether or not the site is accessible to building occupants. The asbestos material must be handled by licensed asbestos abatement workers. The below steps are to be followed:

1. Isolate the area immediately and restrict entry.
2. Contact IU Abatement & UOEHSM. Call the Control Center, 812-855-8728, after normal working hours.
3. The facilities manager must shut off or temporarily modify the air-handling system to prevent the distribution of fibers to other areas in the building.
4. Do not reenter until the area has been cleared by IU Abatement or UOEHSM.

**Minor fiber release episodes** are to be promptly handled.

1. Contact IU Abatement for prompt cleanup.

*Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) – means any material containing more than 1% asbestos

**Suspect Asbestos Containing Material (SACM) – means any building material that is suspected of being asbestos-containing (based on appearance, usage, age of building) but has not been proven conclusively to be ACM (based on sampling and analysis).