

Accidental Asbestos Disturbance or Unexpected Finds

If you suspect that an asbestos containing material (ACM) has been disturbed or found, then you should take the following steps immediately:

- Cease any activity which may cause further disturbance to the ACM.
- The work area should be evacuated as soon as possible without causing alarm.
- Isolate the area to restrict access.
- Inform Curtin Health & Safety (H&S) by telephone 9266 4900.
- Report all incidents, no matter how small, on the University [online incident reporting system](#) (CHARM), including details of all staff that may be affected.
- Curtin H&S will check the asbestos materials register to find out if there is any ACM in the affected area and provide the asbestos register if the find or disturbance is on the register. If not in the HAZMAT database, a sample is to be taken by a suitably qualified and competent person (this would normally be a hygienist from a company that is in the Rapid contractor system).
- If confirmed as ACM, advice to be sought from a suitably qualified and competent person in relation to steps that are required (if any) to be undertaken to remediate the hazard.



Figure 1 basic flowchart of process for disturbance or unexpected finds