

Asbestos-Containing Material Notice

California Health and Safety Code Sections 25915-25924 require that notifications be given in commercial and public buildings in which asbestos-containing material ("ACM") is present. We are providing this notice to you in compliance with this law.

At Queen of the Valley Medical Center there is no presence of ACM in the Nursing Units, Ancillary Building (West Wing Building), Lobby, Napa Valley Imaging Center, Cancer Center, Outpatient Surgery, Procedure Center and the Wellness Center. ACM is present in the original Main Building of Queen of the Valley Medical Center as 1) plaster-based pipe installation, 2) a component in the original acoustical ceiling, 3) mud packing of fittings of fiberglass insulated lines and 4) 9" x 9" floor tiles.

Moving, drilling, boring or otherwise disturbing any ACM can present a health risk and should not be attempted by an unqualified employee. Should any damage or deterioration of any ACM occur, immediate notification should be given to the Building Engineer at 257-4091 or by dialing the QVMC operator who will page the Duty Engineer.

In August of 1985, Queen of the Valley Medical Center conducted a survey of suspect building materials to determine the presence or absence of asbestos and approximate concentration in the original Main Building. An independent industrial analyst, EAL Corporation, using polarized light microscopy, conducted this survey. Corrective and containment measures recommended as part of the survey have been implemented in the original Main Building as follows:

1. Encapsulation or removal, where appropriate.
2. Complete removal and replacement in all renovated areas of the hospitals.

The procedures established for this work meets or exceeds the relevant State and Federal standards. In an ongoing effort, the Administration of Queen of the Valley Medical Center will continue to incorporate ACM removal as a component of all future major facility renovations.

Asbestos exposure can cause asbestosis and other diseases and is listed under Proposition 65, California Health and Safety Code Sections 25249.5 - 25249.13, as a chemical known to cause cancer. However, there are uncertainties surrounding the level, which can cause disease. If you would like to obtain further information regarding potential health risks or impacts of airborne asbestos, please contact the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration at (916) 920-6123 or the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration at (916) 978-5641,

Further information regarding the asbestos survey conducted at Queen of the Valley Medical Center and related matters can be obtained from the Building Engineer at 257-4091 extension 4091, 2037 or 2038.