



## Syracuse University Environmental Health and Safety Services

### Compliance Guidance for Asbestos Allied Trades Certified Employees

Syracuse University (SU) employees who are not New York State (NYS) Certified Asbestos Abatement Workers (Handlers), but who may need to perform assigned duties within a restricted asbestos work area, will be required to be NYS Certified in Asbestos Allied Trades. In accordance with NYS Department of Labor (DOL) Asbestos Regulations, NYS Code Rule 56 (12 NYCRR Part 56-3.2(d)), Certified Asbestos Allied Trades Workers are permitted to enter a restricted asbestos work area to perform their intended work duties only and are not permitted to disturb or handle asbestos containing materials. Asbestos containing materials may only be handled and/or disturbed by NYS Certified Asbestos Handlers. If activities to be performed have any potential to impact or disturb asbestos, the work may only be performed by a NYS Certified Asbestos Abatement Worker (Handler).

#### Allied Trade Worker Certification Requirements

SU employees whose job responsibilities require them to obtain a NYS Asbestos Allied Trades Worker certification must:

1. Attend an initial Asbestos Allied Trades Worker training conducted by a NYS Department of Health Certified Asbestos trainer and an Asbestos Allied Trades Worker refresher training annually thereafter.
2. Complete applicable Respiratory Protection Program (RPP) requirements as outlined in the SU's Respiratory Protection Program administered by the SU Environmental Health and Safety Services. This includes an initial and annual respiratory fit test and annual respirator training.
3. Have a medical examination in accordance with OSHA regulations. The examination shall occur as a pre-placement exam and annually thereafter. A termination of employment exam shall also be made available upon an applicable employee's separation from employment. The purpose of the exams are to monitor employee health and to determine whether or not the employee can use a negative pressure respirator. All examinations shall include:
  - Pulmonary function tests of forced vital capacity and forced expiratory volume.
  - A medical and work history questionnaire.
  - Examination by a physician.
  - Chest x-rays provided according to OSHA's graduated schedule.

Allied Trades Workers will be prohibited from accessing restricted asbestos work areas unless all of the certification requirements above have been met.

#### Allied Trade Worker Operations

If per CR 56, an activity requires the use of a NYS DOL Certified Asbestos Allied Trades Worker(s) the employee(s) performing such activity(s) must possess the required NYS Asbestos Allied Trades Certification and have met all of the certification requirements listed above. Prior to performing the Allied Trades activity, the Allied Trades Worker(s) must have the Physical Plant Environmental Shop Supervisor or his designee with a current NYS DOL Asbestos Supervisor certification, review the activity to be performed and/or the reason for entry into a restricted asbestos area. Upon receiving approval of the activity from Asbestos Supervisor and prior to entrance into the restricted asbestos area, the Allied Trades Worker must ensure that the activity and/or entrance into the restricted asbestos area is performed in accordance with all applicable asbestos requirements, including CR 56. A NYS Certified Asbestos Supervisor must be present at the restricted asbestos area while the allied trade work is being conducted. The use of respiratory protection must be in accordance with the University's RPP. Personal asbestos air sampling will be performed, as necessary for OSHA compliance, under the direction of the on-site Asbestos Supervisor.

#### Training Records

It will be each individual department's responsibility to maintain a list of their employees who have met the requirements to become a NYS Certified Asbestos Allied Trades Worker. A copy of the list of Certified Allied Trades Workers must be provided to the University Physical Plant Environmental Shop Supervisor and EHSS at least annually and as changes occur. The individual departments will also be required to ensure that their Certified Allied Trades Workers meet the initial and annual requirements of the University's Respiratory Protection Program and OSHA's medical evaluation requirements.