

# Health & Safety Update

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## Asbestos

### WorkSafeBC Sustained Compliance Initiative

A WorkSafeBC (WSBC) Officer may visit your school and ask you and your staff about the VSB's asbestos management program. Below are the things you and your staff should know to prepare you for a possible inspection:

- Schools that are older than 1990 will have asbestos containing materials (ACM) in them.
- All employees must be aware of asbestos as a potential workplace hazard
- Not all ACM can and will be labelled.
- Each school has an asbestos inventory survey book that is kept with the Building Engineer or Head Custodian. Updates are made to it as asbestos is found and/or removed from our schools.
- All visible ACM is checked monthly by the Building Engineer or Head Custodian for signs of disturbance or deterioration.
- Staff should immediately report any disturbances of possible ACM to the Building Engineer or Head Custodian.
- The District has an [Asbestos Management Program](#) which can be found on the VSB Health and Safety page.

As soon as possible, please have all your staff watch this 5-minute [VSB Asbestos Awareness Training Video](#) at a staff meeting and document their attendance. Be prepared to show proof of attendance to a WSBC officer, if requested. Any questions or concerns regarding ACM can be directed to [healthandsafety@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:healthandsafety@vsb.bc.ca)

## Forms & Incident Reporting “Pocket Card”

These Pocket Cards will be sent to your site via blue bag service. VSB Health and Safety requests that these cards be made accessible to all staff. Here are some suggestions:

- Keep in the main office, First Aid Room, building engineer office, staff room etc.
- Pin or attach to H&S bulletin boards
- Include in Employee on Call/Teacher on Call information packages
- Distribute a set to each Joint Occupational Health and Safety member and Administrator/Supervisor to provide to staff upon request.

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If you have any questions or wish to request more Pocket Cards for your site, please contact [healthandsafety@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:healthandsafety@vsb.bc.ca)