

Asbestos: Drilling into Floor Tiles

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Program: Asbestos

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When drilling into floor tiles, you may be exposed to asbestos fibers. Follow these hazard controls:

1. Take ES&H Course 151 Class II Asbestos Worker within the last 12 months.
2. Contact the asbestos program manager (ext. 4105) to coordinate waste management and oversee work.
3. Wear gloves.
4. Never drill more than 30 holes per day.
5. Use spray bottle with water and soap to wet floor before drilling and to wet dust after drilling.
6. Clean up wet dust with a wet paper towel.
7. Collect dust and gloves in a plastic bag and turn in to Waste Management.