

## Appendix H: Care of Asbestos Containing Flooring

Summary of OSHA Standard 1910.1001(k):

- Sanding of asbestos-containing floor material is prohibited
- Stripping of finishes shall be conducted using low abrasion pads at speeds lower than 300 rpm and wet methods
- Burnishing or dry buffing may be performed only on asbestos-containing flooring which has sufficient finish so that the pad cannot contact the asbestos-containing material
- Waste and debris accompanying dust in an area containing accessible ACM and/or PACM or visibly deteriorated ACM, shall not be dusted or swept dry, or vacuumed without using a HEPA filter.

### Calvin College Vinyl Floor Tile Care Policy

The finish Calvin College uses lasts for two years. The only care required during that time is mopping and auto-scrubbing.

Do not allow finish coats to wear all the way off to the tile itself. Instead, wet-scrub only one to two coats of the finish and then re-apply the finish.

The only "dry" processes allowed are dry mopping and vacuuming of floors that are in good condition. Scraping to remove blemishes or imperfections is not allowed. Dry buffing and spray buffing are not allowed.

Known VAT (vinyl asbestos tile) is cared for with a wet mop and refinished as needed. Older 9" tile floors are treated as if they are VAT until testing proves otherwise. Check the Asbestos Survey Results Binder in the EH&S office for current information about a specific floor.

Any loose or damaged floor tile must be reported to the Physical Plant Services Manager and a work request generated for repair. Broken or crumbling floor tile is to be cleaned up using wet methods or a HEPA vacuum and disposed of as ACM unless the Asbestos Survey Results Binder indicates that it contains no asbestos.

Any deviation from this policy needs prior approval by the Asst. Dir. of Services or the EH&S Officer.