Knight Hospital Access Requirements

University employees who will be entering Knight Hospital for periods longer than 10 minutes, or who intend to move equipment or debris, are advised to have mold and asbestos awareness training, as well as use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). PPE will include at a minimum the use of dust masks and could also include gloves, full body suits, and disposable boot covers, depending on the work to be done and the reason for entering the building.

Dust masks (such as N95’s and N100’s), are considered to be respirators by OSHA. When there is a known hazard or the employer requires the use of a dust mask, the user must be: 1. medically evaluated; 2. trained; and 3. fit tested prior to using that respirator. Further details on respirator use, including dust masks, can be found in the University’s Respirator Policy.

It is recommended that persons with allergies to mold, mildew, dust mites, or dust not enter Knight Hospital.

STEPS TO TAKE PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO KNIGHT HOSPITAL:

1. To schedule an entry and to receive mold awareness training, contact Sallyann Beaudet at Architectural and Engineering Services (486-5755). An environmental firm will be contacted to advise on furniture/content removal, mold clean-up activities, and PPE. This firm will also provide mold awareness training. A fee may be charged for these services.

2. Obtain respirator clearance. This is a multi-step process, as outlined in the University Respirator Policy, which complies with the OSHA standard:
   a. Arrange for a medical evaluation with Student Health Services (SHS) – Contact Jan Copeland at 486-0748 for scheduling and cost. A detailed questionnaire is used to provide the needed information to the physician. The evaluation may not include an actual physical, but is left to the discretion of the physician. The questionnaire can be obtained from Jan Copeland or online from Appendix C of the University Respirator Policy.
   b. Obtain written approval from the physician at SHS.
   c. Contact Val Brangan at EH&S (486-2982) to schedule Respirator Training & Fit Testing.

3. Schedule Asbestos Awareness Training at EH&S. The class is offered monthly. The schedule and online registration can be found at http://www.ehs.uconn.edu/training/schedule/OccuTrainingSchedule.php, or by calling 486-3613.

Non-University employees must contact Sallyann Beaudet for entry into the building and to arrange for the appropriate training, as necessary. These employees must also follow requirements of their own employer’s respirator and any other pertinent safety programs.

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