



Dear graduate students,

The University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU) Executive Committee have been following the Asbestos related concern in the Medical Science Building (MSB) very closely these past couple of weeks. What we know is that The University of Toronto conducted an asbestos abatement project in the MSB in late November of 2016. The investigation found that Labs 6360, 7366 and 7368 were contaminated with asbestos fibers. An additional incident also found asbestos fibers in Lab 3336. At a later date, it was also reported that the asbestos reached the 4th through to 6th floors. We have not received additional information as to whether other labs have also been contaminated.

After consulting with graduate students exposed to these dangerous conditions, we will be following CUPE 3902's lead and suggest you take these precautions for your safety:

- 1.) If you have worked in the MSB between November of 2016 to March of 2017, please submit a Workplace Exposure Incident Form to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB). Also, visit your doctor and let them know that you may have potentially been exposed to asbestos. Your doctor will initiate a WSIB claim number on your behalf, which can be used for future claims. Your friends and family members who may have come into contact with you after you were exposed to asbestos, and before you had bathed or changed your clothes, are also recommended to visit their doctor and follow the same procedure.

Workplace Exposure Incident Form:

http://www.wsib.on.ca/cs/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&dDocName=WSIB012710&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased

- 2.) CUPE 3902 will be holding two open information sessions for graduate students who operate out of the MSB. We strongly suggest you attend one of these sessions.

Session A: Thursday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m. Located in Sidney Smith Hall (SS), Room 1073

Session B: Monday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m. Located in University College (UC), Room 244

- 3.) Allan Kaplan, The Vice-Dean of Graduate and Academic Affairs for The University of Toronto, will be hosting a meeting with a representative from the Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) office and an occupational health physician to address any health concerns students may have related to any of the asbestos incidents. The meeting will take place:

Thursday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m. in MSB, Room 2317

Please contact the UTGSU Executive Committee at info@utgsu.ca or (416) 978-2391 if you have any questions, or concerns. Your safety is our top priority.



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Sincerely,

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