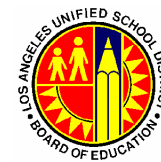




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# SAFETY ALERT

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RESTRICTING ACCESS TO ATTICS,  
ROOF-TOPS AND CRAWL SPACES

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Many attics and crawlspaces contain asbestos insulated pipes and ductwork. Approximately 1200 locations are known to contain damaged or deteriorated asbestos pipe insulation. It is necessary to restrict access to these areas to prevent exposure to asbestos fibers. There have also been several incidents where students gained access to attics which resulted in serious injuries.

In order to restrict access to attics, roof-tops, crawl spaces and prevent exposure to potential health and safety hazards, the following measures are recommended:

- Post appropriate warning signs at each access point.
- Secure, seal or lock entrances to these areas.
- Require District Staff/Contractors utilizing roof hatches to access building roofs to close the hatch while on the roof.
- Encourage personnel to report open and unmarked entrances.
- Install warning line system or guardrails as barriers for unprotected roof side or edge, where appropriate.
- Report any students loitering or exhibiting unusual interest within the perimeter of these areas.

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