



Health and Safety Tips:

Former Marine Corps Air Station Hangar

The former Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Hangar Incident response has evolved since the fire began on November 7, 2023. This health and safety tip guide provides general recommendations for those in the immediate surrounding area to reduce potential exposures while Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) remains at the burn site.

There have been no detections of airborne asbestos during air monitoring/sampling conducted during the incident response.

The hazard of potential asbestos exposure has been further reduced with the fire now officially controlled, and with the sealant applied to the debris that remains at the incident site. Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units can be turned on and used as normal.

As response efforts continue (refer to the Incident Phase Community Guide) residents should consider the health and safety tips provided below.

PROTECT YOUR HEALTH BY TAKING THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

1. Stay informed

- Go to tustinca.org for updates on community information and resources.

2. Avoid touching debris

- Report debris related to the incident by calling **(714) 426-2444** or completing a debris reporting form found at: [Debris Reporting Form | Tustin, CA \(tustinca.org\)](https://tustinca.org)

3. Basic health and safety tips*

Homes/buildings

- If you still have visible debris from the Hangar incident on the exterior of your home or business,
 - i. Avoid touching suspected debris from this incident and report the debris at [Debris Reporting Form | Tustin, CA \(tustinca.org\)](https://tustinca.org)
 - ii. Avoid landscaping activities (mowing/leaf blowing/gardening) until the visible debris is appropriately removed.
 - iii. Follow any guidance provided by certified asbestos consultants (CAC's).
- Cleaning methods to further reduce risks:
 - i. Use wet cleaning methods for windowsills/window screens, balconies, and door entrances. Do not use a pressure washer.
 - ii. Use a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) vacuum.

- Heating, Ventilation , Air Conditioning Units and Air Purifiers.¹

Currently, there has been no detections of airborne asbestos during air monitoring/sampling for the incident response. Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units can be turned on and used as normal. Consider replacing filters for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units according to the manufacturers' instructions. For in-home air purifiers, opt for models equipped with HEPA filters.

Parks/public areas

- Parks and public areas that have been reopened by the city can be utilized without restrictions.

Pet owners

- Pet owners can walk their pets in areas that have been reopened.

4. Seek medical attention if you have any medical concerns.

Other Notes:

*Residents and businesses in the immediate area with any additional concerns can consider contacting a Certified Asbestos Consultants² (CAC) or Certified Industrial Hygienists for more specific recommendations.

Additional Resources

- City of Tustin Website: [Tustinca.org](https://www.tustinca.org)
- US Environmental Protection Agency: www.epa.gov
[1 Wildfires and Indoor Air Quality \(IAQ\) | US EPA](https://www.epa.gov/wildfires-and-indoor-air-quality)
- ² Consulting Professionals
EPA Protect Your Family From Exposures to Asbestos- Asbestos Professionals:
<https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/protect-your-family-exposures-asbestos#professionals>
CalOSHA Asbestos Consultants and Site Surveillance Technicians:
https://www.dir.ca.gov/databases/doshcaccsst/caccsst_Query_1.HTML
- South Coast AQMD: [AQMD - Home](https://www.aqmd.gov)
Rule 1403 Compliance Advisory for Asbestos Removal
<https://www.aqmd.gov/home/rules-compliance/compliance/asbestos-demolition-removal>
- CDC- Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Asbestos Fact Sheet:
https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/asbestos/docs/asbestos_factsheet_508.pdf