

# 5 FAST FACTS

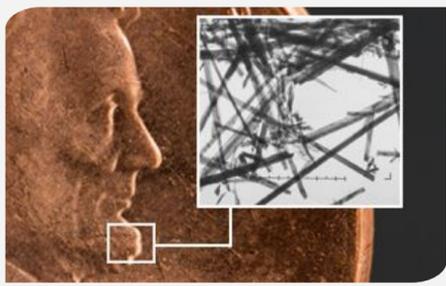
## About Asbestos In Cement

Most old buildings contain asbestos in the walls, especially in cement.



As the asbestos-laced walls deteriorate over time, the asbestos fibers often become airborne.

### THE DANGERS OF MICROSCOPIC ASBESTOS FIBERS



Asbestos fibers are so tiny that 20,000 of them can fit between Abraham Lincoln's lips and chin on a penny.



They have no taste or smell and are easily breathed or swallowed. Even one fiber can lead to serious illnesses.



Asbestos is banned from some uses in the United States, but it is not fully banned. Many older buildings contain asbestos materials, including potentially any residential home built before the 1980s.



Asbestos use is particularly common in countries that do not have stringent health and safety laws.

### 5 FAST FACTS ABOUT ASBESTOS IN CEMENT

Asbestos makes cement stronger and lighter, but it breaks down over time.



70% of the world's asbestos is in concrete.

Asbestos concrete corrugated sheets were used in all types of buildings, including office partition walls, acoustical panels, and residential kitchen walls or tabletops.



People first used asbestos fibers to strengthen mud in the Stone Age, mixed into ceramic pots that could be heated.

Over time, a small or even brief amount of asbestos exposure can cause a variety of health problems, including cancer.



### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



In many parts of the world, workers have few legal options if they are hurt on the job. Frequently, the standard of care is vague, the laws are not victim-friendly, and the cases are hard to prove in court.



Laws in the United States are designed to protect people injured on the job, and ensure compensation for people who were injured but not warned of the danger.

Over **\$30 Billion** have been set aside to compensate people injured by asbestos.

Claimants **do not** need to file a lawsuit or prove fault to obtain compensation.

Here's the catch. A victim must take the first step, by **reaching out** to an attorney who can evaluate the case.

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO ASBESTOS, CONSULT YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ABOUT SCREENING FOR ASBESTOS ILLNESSES.**

**AND IF YOU MAY HAVE BEEN HARMED, YOU CAN DISCUSS YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW WITH A SEASONED ASBESTOS ATTORNEY.**

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