

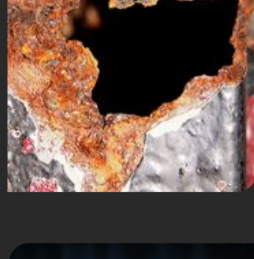
5 THINGS

To Know If You Were Exposed To Asbestos

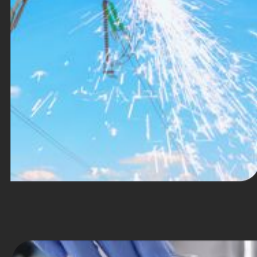
ASBESTOS IS A GROUP OF MINERALS THAT ARE EXTREMELY STRONG AND HIGHLY RESISTANT TO:



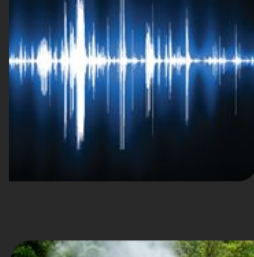
Heat / Fire



Corrosion / Rust



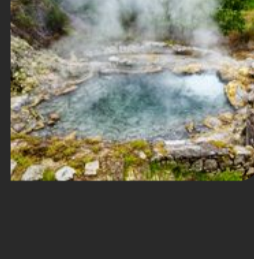
Electricity



Pressure / Sound



Acid



Evaporation

Because of its strength and durability, asbestos was used in buildings, vehicles and products of all kinds. Unfortunately, asbestos fibers can be easily inhaled or swallowed, leading to respiratory problems and asbestos-related illnesses including mesothelioma and other cancers.

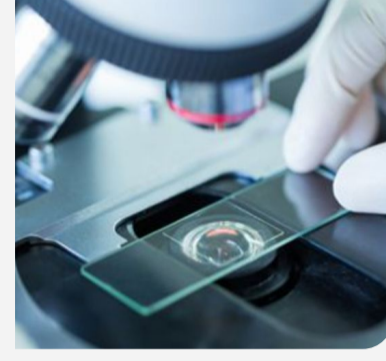
YOU MAY NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE BREATHING OR SWALLOWING ASBESTOS FIBERS.



Asbestos easily breaks up into fibers

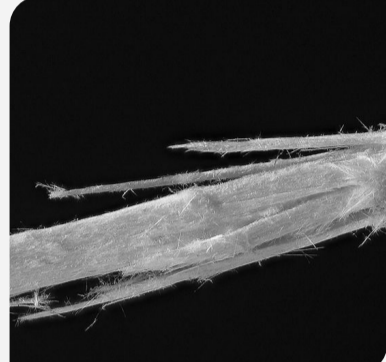


Asbestos fibers have no taste or smell

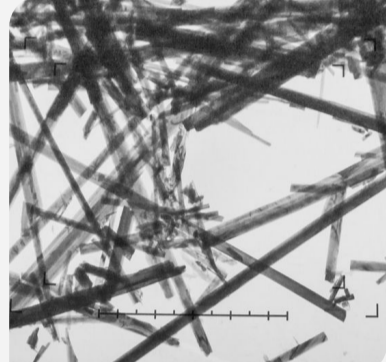


Asbestos fibers are microscopic

ASBESTOS FIBERS CAN GET EMBEDDED IN YOUR BREATHING OR GASTRIC SYSTEMS.



Asbestos fibers are extremely sharp

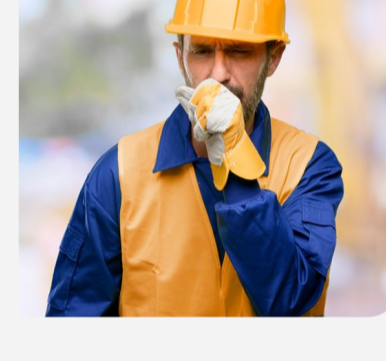


Asbestos fibers are highly durable and some never leave the body!

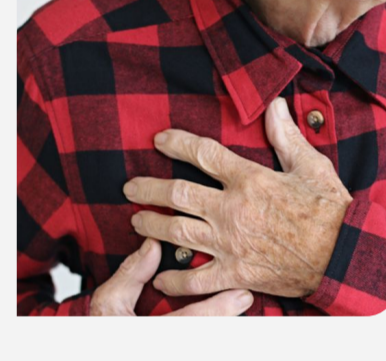


Asbestos fibers do not dissolve

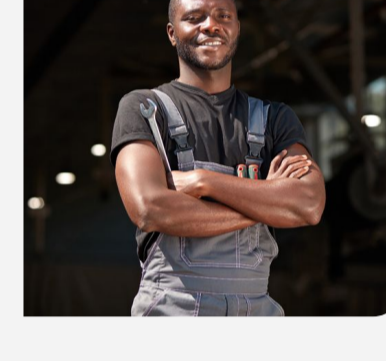
ASBESTOS CAN INJURE YOU DECADES AFTER EXPOSURE.



Asbestos fibers tear at human tissue, this can cause scarring and further damage over time



Over time, damage from asbestos fibers can disrupt the body's proper functioning, leading to breathing problems and asbestos-related illnesses, including cancers like mesothelioma

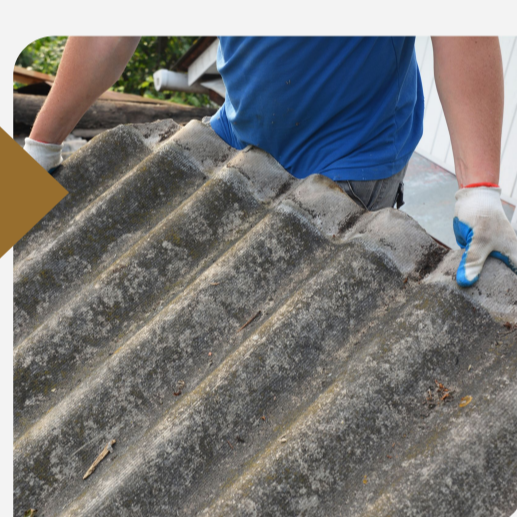


People have developed asbestos-related illnesses 40 or 50 years after their exposure.²

FIVE IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW IF YOU MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO ASBESTOS

1. MINOR OR BRIEF EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS IS NOT ALWAYS HARMFUL.

Most patients diagnosed with asbestos-related illness were regularly exposed. However, studies show there is no safe level of asbestos exposure.³



2. THE EARLIER MESOTHELIOMA IS DIAGNOSED, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS TO BE TREATABLE.

If you are in any way concerned, consult your healthcare professional. Mesotheliomas are typically inoperable, but if detected early enough, it may be possible to remove them.



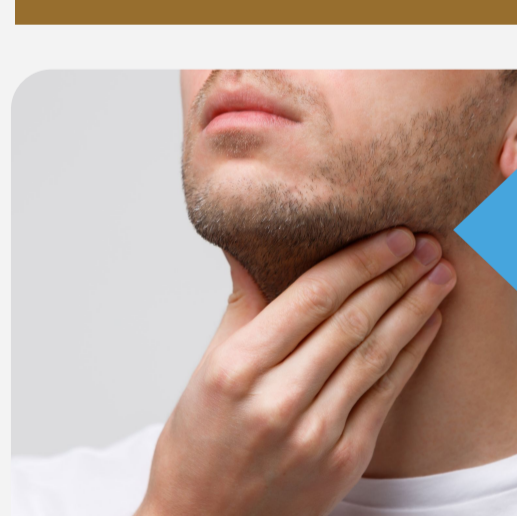
3. SIGNS OF ASBESTOS-RELATED DISEASE CAN APPEAR SIMILAR TO OTHER HEALTH CONDITIONS.

Symptoms such as chest pain, shortness of breath and a chronic cough, for example, can be misdiagnosed, so if you have been exposed to asbestos, seek medical advice.



4. ASBESTOS CAN ALSO BE SWALLOWED.

Asbestos is usually breathed in, and asbestos exposure is often associated with respiratory problems and cancers like lung cancer. But asbestos fibers are microscopic and have no taste



5. ASBESTOS HAS BEEN BANNED IN MORE THAN 60 COUNTRIES.⁴

Many Americans mistakenly think that asbestos has been banned in the U.S. But asbestos is still in some products and a great deal of construction. Use caution to avoid exposure to asbestos, especially during construction, demolition and remodeling. There are safer alternatives, and proper protective equipment to avoid dangerous exposure.



STUDIES SHOW THERE IS NO SAFE LEVEL OF ASBESTOS EXPOSURE.⁵

If you believe you have been exposed to asbestos in the past, or if you have symptoms of an asbestos-related illness, contact a healthcare professional.

Treating asbestos-related illnesses can involve expensive hospital bills and medications, as well as lost wages and limitations in your lifestyle. But compensation is available for spouses, household members and others with illnesses affected by their secondary exposure to asbestos. Speak to an experienced asbestos attorney, to understand your options.

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