

# WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL ASBESTOS EXPOSURE?



## Which Asbestos Claim Gets the Fastest Results?

Three reasons why people don't know they qualify for compensation for their exposure to asbestos on the job.

- Asbestos has **no taste or smell**.
- **Asbestos fibers are tiny**, and many are invisible without an electronic microscope.
- Asbestos disease usually takes at least **20 years to appear**, and can take as long as 50 years.
- Many workers who tested negative for asbestos exposure in the 1990s, ended up with asbestos diseases twenty years later.
- **Cigarette smokers wrongly assume asbestos had nothing to do with their lung cancer.**
  - Smokers are 10 times more likely to develop lung cancer.
  - Smokers with asbestos exposure are 50 times as likely.

### Occupational asbestos exposure happens when someone works with or around asbestos.

- Second-hand asbestos exposure happens when a person with primary exposure accidentally carries asbestos fibers on their work clothes, hair, skin or tools into the household or family vehicle, exposing others.

### DID YOUR FAMILY MEMBER WASH YOUR WORK CLOTHING BEFORE THE MID-1980S?

#### Have you and your family had lung X-rays examined for asbestos scarring?

- A radiologist must be certified as a B-Reader in order to determine that a chest X-ray shows asbestos damage.



## What are asbestos trusts?

Did you work in any of these industries before the mid-1980s?

- Construction
- Steelworkers
- Firefighting
- Factories
- Pipe Fitting
- Brake Repair
- Foundries
- Shipbuilding
- Flooring
- Refineries
- Mechanics
- Cement
- Shipyards
- Roofing
- Electricians
- Mining / Milling
- Textiles
- Gasket Repair
- Demolition
- Iron workers
- Railroad
- Insulation
- Boilers
- HVAC

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