

# WHAT IS SECONDARY ASBESTOS EXPOSURE?



## Which Asbestos Claim Gets the Fastest Results?

### Three reasons why people don't realize they were exposed to asbestos as children:

- 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.
- **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.

Primary asbestos exposure happens when someone works with or around asbestos.

- This is also called **Occupational Exposure**

Second 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.

- 1 in 5 cases of asbestos diseases were caused by second-hand asbestos exposure.

## DID YOU WASH YOUR SPOUSE'S WORK CLOTHING BEFORE THE MID-1980S?

### Have you had your X-ray 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 your parent or family member work in 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

Learn more about **second-hand asbestos exposure.**