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## WARNING!

### Asbestos in your community

Many old buildings still contain asbestos and, as these buildings deteriorate, asbestos dust can be released into the atmosphere. High levels of asbestos dust has been found in old schools and hospitals. Demolition or repair work can disturb asbestos dust; fire damage can do the same.

### Merseyside has a long history of Asbestos use

In 1975, Liverpool Docks imported 25.3 thousand metric tons of asbestos. Local shipyard workers have described fights using asbestos as snowballs.

Asbestos has been widely used in local industry in:

- Car production
- Garage work
- Building work
- Railway maintenance
- Tunnel construction
- Ship construction and repair
- Construction of power stations and insulation as needed for pipe work



Waxa aad loo ogyahay in dad badan oo ka tirsan jaaliyadda Sornaaliyeed ay ka soo shaqeeyeen ciilka ijinka (maoorka) ee maraakiibta kuwaas oo ay ku jiri jireen in badan oo asbestos ah.

Miyaad weligaa ka soo shaclaysay meel uu yaallo asbestos arna miyuu ku gaari jiray boodhkiisa? Haddii aad aarninsan tahay in aad qabto cudurro la xidhiidha asbestos, fadlan soo wac telefoonkan si aad u hesho talo.

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華人社區中有很多人士以前是海員，航海業與很多別的工業一樣，成員都很容易患上與石棉有關的疾病，如你認為你因為職業的緣故患上因石棉引起的疾病，請致電單張上刊印的電話號碼，或通過百祥塔社區中心與我們聯絡。百祥塔社區中心電話：0151 233 8833。

# ASBESTOS



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# ASBESTOS



## A brief History of the group

Our group was set up in August 1993 by sufferers of asbestos-related diseases

and the families of people who had died from asbestos-related diseases. The group's aims were to change the appalling lack of local services and information available to victims.

The group has assisted thousands of victims in obtaining Social Security and Civil Compensation.

The group continues to assist and support victims and their families. Almost all our Trustees suffer with, or have been affected by, asbestos-related disease.

## We offer completely confidential services to victims of asbestos-related disease and their families on Merseyside and further afield, which include:

- DWP and other benefits associated with asbestos-related illnesses.
- Practical assistance in the completion of all appropriate paperwork.
- Representation at Appeals Service tribunals.
- Counselling by trained personnel for victims and their families.
- Family support at inquests

- Drop-in centre for sufferers and their families so they can talk to someone who understands
- Access to a database to help with location of witnesses for victims (completely confidential).



## What are the risks from Asbestos?

Asbestos related deaths are predicted to rise to about 2,200 in the next 5-10 years peaking at 2,500 per year in about 2015 and remain above 1,500 till 2025. Asbestos-related cancers are predicted to total about 5,000 per year by 2015 including at least one asbestos related lung cancer per mesothelioma. There is usually a long delay between first exposure to asbestos and the onset of asbestos-related diseases. This can be up to 40+ years after first exposure. The vast majority of those now suffering with asbestos-related illnesses were exposed to asbestos in the 1940's, 50's, 60's, and 70's.

## Asbestos-related illnesses

- **ASBESTOSIS**  
Fibrosis or scarring of the lungs, caused by exposure to asbestos dust. The condition develops slowly and incapacitates the victim over a long period of years.
- **PLEURAL PLAQUES**  
Are raised areas of thickened pleura which can be seen on x-rays. The pleura are a two-layered membrane which surrounds the lungs and lines the inside of the rib cage.
- **PLEURAL THICKENING**  
Thickening of the lung walls due to scarring caused by asbestos which may cause breathlessness.

- **MESOTHELIOMA**  
A form of cancer almost exclusively caused by exposure to asbestos dust. It affects the lining of the lungs, chest wall or abdomen. The development of the disease can take up to 10-15 to 40+ years after first being exposed to asbestos dust.
- **LUNG CANCER**  
There is a known association between Lung Cancer and exposure to asbestos dust. People who have already developed asbestosis have a greater risk of contracting lung cancer.
- **SMOKING & EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS**  
Some estimates indicate that smoking increases the risk of developing an asbestos-related disease by 92%. If you have been exposed to asbestos dust, it is in your own, and your family's, interest to stop smoking immediately.



## Asbestos exposure in Liverpool women

Many women were exposed to asbestos whilst working in bag warehouses recycling hessian bags used to transport asbestos through the docks. Many have been exposed by washing their husbands' or other relatives' work clothes. Many worked with asbestos on Hoffman Presses in the clothing industry.

## Personal Interviews

If you would like a personal interview please contact us.



Tick as appropriate

- Please arrange an appointment for me.
- Please send me information on the services you provide.
- Please send me further information on the dangers of asbestos dust/exposure.

Name .....

Address .....

Telephone No. ....

## Have you been exposed to the dust?

- At home
- At work

## Are you concerned about the exposure to asbestos dust in:

- The home
- Work
- The environment