

## ASBESTOS EXPOSED A GUIDE FOR VETERANS



### WHAT IS MESOTHELIOMA?

**Mesothelioma** is a rare, aggressive cancer that affects the cells of the tissue that lines several body cavities. It most often affects the lungs, heart, and abdomen.

There are **four types** of mesothelioma:

- 1) Pleural**- Most common. Attacks the lining of the lungs.
- 2) Peritoneal**- Second most common. Develops in the lining of the abdomen.
- 3) Pericardial**- Very rare. Develops in the lining around the heart.
- 4) Testicular** – Extremely rare. Only a few hundred have been diagnosed with this type of mesothelioma.

### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

Symptoms vary depending on the type of mesothelioma. Most common symptoms include:

- Shortness of breath
- Chest Pain
- Nausea
- Fever
- Persistent cough
- Fatigue

To learn more about mesothelioma, please visit our website at:  
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### LITIGATION FAQ

#### • HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

**NOTHING.** We represent clients on a contingency basis. We collect a fee if and when the client collects a settlement.

#### • WILL MY CASE BE PART OF A CLASS ACTION?

**NO.** We handle each case on an individual basis so that you receive the settlement you deserve.




#### • HOW MUCH IS MY POTENTIAL SETTLEMENT?

Individual results vary and depend on unique circumstances. Call us today for free regarding your claim.

#### • HOW LONG CAN I WAIT TO FILE A LAWSUIT?

There are time limits on how long one can wait to file a cancer related lawsuit. Each state has different laws affecting these time limits. We advise you to contact us today and we can evaluate your case and the applicable timeline.

### EASY STEPS

1. Contact Us 
2. Case Review 
3. Proceed with Litigation 

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## MESOTHELIOMA: THE FACTS

### HOW MANY PATIENTS ARE DIAGNOSED ANNUALLY?

Approximately 3,000.

### WHAT IS THE TYPICAL AGE OF SOMEONE DIAGNOSED?

The average age for pleural mesothelioma is 69 and the average age for peritoneal is 51.

### DOES MESOTHELIOMA OCCUR WITH MEN OR WOMEN MORE FREQUENTLY?

Men represent 80% of all mesothelioma cases.

### WHAT CAUSES MESOTHELIOMA?

Asbestos exposure is the main cause of mesothelioma.

### HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR PATIENTS TO DEVELOP MESOTHELIOMA AFTER ASBESTOS EXPOSURE?

It takes roughly 20-40 years for the disease to develop.

### HOW IS MESOTHELIOMA TREATED?

While it is extremely hard to treat, there are multiple ways in which doctors choose to treat this disease.

This could include:

- Chemotherapy
- Photodynamic therapy
- Targeted drugs
- Other new forms

## WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

Asbestos is a natural occurring fibrous material. It is extremely durable as it is fire, electrical, chemical and heat resistant. Due to its strength, asbestos was widely used throughout the world for industrial purposes.

The extensive use of asbestos came to a close in the 1970s as information was released that it is a known carcinogen (a cancer causing agent).



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## WHY ARE VETERANS AT RISK?

Veterans represent 30% of all mesothelioma cases in the U.S. Beginning in 1935, the military used asbestos for fireproofing and insulation purposes. Naval ships were loaded with asbestos. This abundance and frequent exposure puts the U.S. Navy as the military branch with the highest risk of contracting the disease.

It took the military decades to remove the hazardous material. Those who served from 1940-1980 are at the highest risk. Occupations that have the highest risk of exposure include:

- Shipyard work
- Pipefitting
- Insulation work
- Demolition work
- Mining
- Carpentry
- Engine mechanics



## WHY 1-800-LAW-FIRM

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