WAS THERE ASBESTOS IN YOUR TRADE?

Memphis & West TN Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

It takes 20 to 50 years to show itself. The members getting the diagnosis today are retirees who did the work before anybody handed them a respirator.

TRADES WITH DOCUMENTED EXPOSURE

- Insulators / heat & frost
- Electricians
- Carpenters & drywall
- Railroad workers
- Firefighters
- Boilermakers
- HVAC & sheet metal
- Operating engineers
- Shipyard & Navy
- School custodians & staff
- Pipefitters & plumbers
- Laborers & abatement
- Auto & truck mechanics
- Power plant & steel mill
- Demolition & renovation

Dust came home on work clothes too — families were exposed washing them.

TELL A DOCTOR — AND SAY THE WORD ASBESTOS

- New or worsening shortness of breath
- Chest pain or tightness
- Swelling or pain in the abdomen
- A cough that will not go away
- Wheezing or crackling when you breathe
- Losing weight without trying

These have ordinary causes too. It is a reason to get looked at, not a diagnosis.

FREE HELP — NOBODY EARNS A FEE ON YOUR CALL

800-321-6742	OSHA — report an unsafe job site (anonymous)
800-332-2667	TN Workers' Comp Ombudsman — free, if you have no lawyer
800-827-1000	VA benefits — Navy service counts. Accredited officers file free
877-363-6376	Meso Applied Research Foundation — nonprofit patient support
901-222-4237	Shelby County Veterans Services — by appointment

CALL YOUR LOCAL BEFORE YOU CALL A LAW FIRM

Many asbestos hotlines are paid by the firms they hand you to. Ask them outright.
Never pay anyone to file a VA claim — accredited officers cannot charge you.

Trades, symptoms, benefits and how not to get steered:

laboreducation.org/asbestos-and-your-lungs

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