

Veteran Compensation for Asbestos-Related Injuries

You Have Two Ways to Pursue Compensation



1. VA Benefits

The United States Department of Veteran Affairs accepts many mesothelioma and asbestosis claims for service-related asbestos exposure. If you or a loved one experienced asbestos exposure during service in the U.S. military, you can get the compensation you deserve with the help of a Service Officer. These advocates will help you navigate service-related benefits and ensure a successful outcome when filing a claim.



2. An Asbestos Legal Claim

Veterans and their loved ones can also file a separate mesothelioma lawsuit against manufacturers of asbestos-containing products. In many cases, these manufacturers knowingly supplied deadly asbestos-containing products to the military. Filing an asbestos legal claim does not impact VA benefits. Your rights can often be enforced without ever having to go to court, reducing the stress of a difficult diagnosis.

Did You Know?

- Service Officers help veterans with asbestos-related disabilities file VA claims. They can also help these American heroes and their families find a lawyer to pursue additional compensation.
- Approximately \$30 Billion in court-ordered trust funds exist to help veterans battling asbestos-related injuries. These funds came from manufacturers who claimed bankruptcy to try and void responsibility for injury caused by their asbestos-containing products.
- Veterans can receive compensation from trusts in addition to the benefits they receive from the VA. Serving in the U.S. military is a brave and honorable act. If you or a loved one faced asbestos exposure during active duty, you have the right to get compensation from the corporations who knowingly hurt American families.



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“Veterans have a right to hold responsible the companies that produced and sold asbestos-containing materials to the military”

Eric P.W. Hall (Capt. RIANG), Veterans Advocacy Director, Mesothelioma Veterans Center

The Truth About Asbestos Companies

Manufacturers of asbestos-containing products and their insurers have known the fatal hazards of asbestos for decades. Research shows that these hazards were studied early in the 20th century. Still, many companies continued using asbestos in their products despite the deadly health risks.

Companies knew the dangers, but continued to manufacture and sell harmful asbestos-containing products to U.S. companies and the military. By concealing this information, they put American heroes like you at risk.

Mesothelioma Information for Veterans

Mesothelioma is a rare and deadly cancer directly linked to asbestos exposure.

- Asbestos was widely used in a variety of products by manufacturers and builders through the 1980s and in some instances is still used today. People who worked in mills, shipyards, or in the heating, plumbing, construction and automotive industries, may have been exposed to asbestos regularly. These occupations, along with military service members, are at the greatest risk of asbestos exposure.
- Symptoms of mesothelioma, including persistent cough, chest pains and loss of appetite, may not appear until 20 to 50 years after exposure.
- A significant link exists between veterans and mesothelioma. In addition to asbestos exposure in the military, many veterans went on to work in the trades they learned during their service. Veterans often became mechanics, electricians, plumbers or construction workers, adding to their long-term asbestos exposure and increasing their risk of illness.
- The U.S. Navy was most impacted by asbestos exposure. Nearly every naval vessel built between 1930 and the late 1970s used construction materials containing asbestos. In fact, approximately one-third of mesothelioma cases involve U.S. Navy or shipyard exposures.



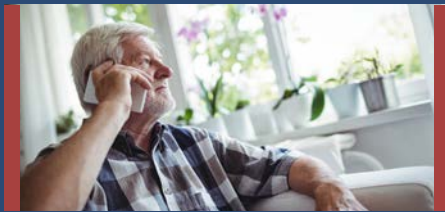
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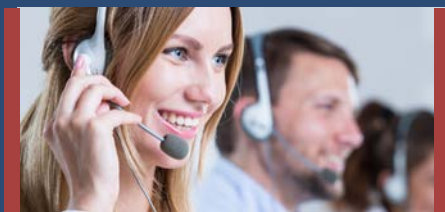
How Veterans Can Get the Help They Deserve

In addition to VA benefits, mesothelioma patients and their families may be eligible to receive compensation directly from the manufacturers of asbestos-containing products. Veterans and their loved ones can take action and work to get compensation in two easy steps.



Step 1:

Contact your local Service Officer to assist with your VA claim.



Step 2:

Call Mesothelioma Veterans Center at 866-423-2432 to see if you are eligible.

Pursuing an asbestos legal claim does not affect pensions or VA benefits. Most mesothelioma claims are settled out of court, easing the stress and burden on families.



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About Mesothelioma Veterans Center

The Mesothelioma Veterans Center provides information about treatment, clinical trials and VA benefits to veterans suffering from asbestos-related illnesses.

We have had the honor of helping hundreds of veterans pursue compensation after developing mesothelioma or asbestos-related lung cancer from their asbestos exposure in the military.

- No one gets left behind. We strive to provide veterans diagnosed with asbestos-related illnesses the best information, advice and assistance possible.
- From filing for VA Disability Compensation to helping veterans find the best medical treatment, we never stop fighting.
- Our goal is to ensure that every veteran diagnosed with mesothelioma or asbestos-related lung cancer gets the best medical treatment available. We will work to make sure they receive any and all VA benefits for which they are eligible.



Ready to take the next steps?

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Thank you for your service.

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