



# Information on Mesothelioma for Veterans



## YOUR SERVICE IS OVER, BUT YOUR FIGHT CARRIES ON

Over the last century, countless brave individuals have lost their lives fighting for our nation. But those on the front lines weren't the only victims. For hundreds of thousands of veterans who were exposed to asbestos during military service, the battle has just begun. **Sokolove Law helps veterans get the compensation they deserve from the companies that produced and sold harmful asbestos-containing products.**

## ASBESTOS EXPOSURE AND MILITARY VETERANS

It is estimated that, due to heavy exposure to asbestos laden products and materials, **33% of mesothelioma cases involve Navy or shipyard exposures.** Since symptoms of mesothelioma may not emerge for 20 to 40 years, many veterans are still being diagnosed with life-threatening diseases that are the result of asbestos exposure decades ago.

**Military personnel most likely to have been exposed to asbestos include:**

- BOILERMEN
- CONSTRUCTION WORKERS
- DEMOLITION WORKERS
- ENGINE MECHANICS
- FIREMEN
- GUNNERS/SAILORS
- NAVY SEABEES
- PIPEFITTERS
- SHIPFITTERS
- SHIPYARD WORKERS

## COMPANIES PUT OUR NAVY AT RISK

Without a doubt, the military branch most impacted by asbestos exposure is the U.S. Navy. Nearly every naval vessel built between 1930 and the late 1970s contained asbestos. Construction materials included asbestos insulation, asbestos piping throughout the ship, and asbestos coating on engine room pipes and boilers—all provided to the military by outside companies.

Former Navy shipyard workers are particularly susceptible to developing mesothelioma because of their direct and prolonged contact with asbestos. Anyone who worked on a Navy vessel was also likely exposed to asbestos—and may have even carried the fibers and dust home on their clothing, exposing their children and families.

## Some applications of asbestos use on ships include:

*Insulation of steam and hot water pipes, boilers, and tanks*

*Fire-resistant sheets in bulkheads*

*Ceiling tiles*

*Insulation cement in lagging for machinery casings*

*Lagging cloth*

*Joiner bulkhead systems*

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# Signs of Asbestos-Related Disease

Asbestos exposure can lead to a number of serious—even fatal—diseases, such as the deadly cancer mesothelioma. Have you or a loved one been determined to be at risk? Or, have you experienced any of the following symptoms?

Since your last doctor’s visit have you experienced...(check all that apply)

- Shortness of breath
- Persistent cough
- Chest pain
- Wheezing
- Hoarseness
- Abdominal swelling
- Pleural effusion (fluid surrounding the lung)
- Ascites (abnormal build up of fluid in the abdomen)
- Lower back pain
- A mass in the abdomen
- Bowel obstruction
- Fatigue
- Anemia
- Chills and fever
- Decreased appetite, weight loss

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, meet with your doctor as soon as possible—you or your loved one could be at risk. If diagnosed with mesothelioma or another asbestos-related disease, your family could be entitled to compensation.



## TAKING ACTION

Veterans with mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases can file claims against the companies that produced and sold the asbestos that injured them. Bringing a claim against an asbestos manufacturer does not affect pensions or VA benefits in any way. There are, however, strict time limitations for filing a mesothelioma lawsuit, so it is important to begin the process as soon as possible. If you are a U.S. military veteran with mesothelioma or another asbestos-related disease, don’t wait.

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