

Mesothelioma and Asbestos Diseases
Claims Guide for Patients
LASAG



LONDON ASBESTOS
SUPPORT AWARENESS GROUP
FOR LONDON AND THE SOUTH

Asbestos related diseases

MESOTHELIOMA

Mesothelioma is an incurable cancer caused by exposure to asbestos dust and fibre. It usually develops in the fluid in the lining of the lungs (pleural mesothelioma) but can also affect the lining of the abdomen (peritoneal mesothelioma) and the lining of the heart (pericardial mesothelioma).

LUNG CANCER

Lung cancer can be caused by significant exposure to asbestos dust and fibre over a period of time. Lung cancer can have causes other than exposure to asbestos, the most common being smoking.

ASBESTOSIS

Asbestosis is the name for fibrosis in the lung caused by significant exposure to asbestos. This condition is caused when large quantities of asbestos fibres, over time, damage the inner structure of the lungs, resulting in breathlessness.

PLEURAL THICKENING

Pleural thickening is caused when asbestos fibres breathed in penetrate the lining or pleura of the lungs, causing thickening of this lining. This causes restriction to breathing because the lungs cannot expand fully.

PLEURAL PLAQUES

Pleural plaques are areas of scarring on the lining of the lungs caused by asbestos fibres penetrating the lining of the lung. They may become more extensive but they do not develop into any other asbestos disease.

Please contact us if you have been diagnosed with any of these conditions. Time limits apply to civil compensation claims and for certain benefits, so don't delay.

About LASAG

The London Asbestos Support Awareness Group operates across London and the South. The group was set up by The London Hazards Centre Trust Limited, a registered charity, established in 1984. London Hazards Centre is a campaigning group and assists trade unions, tenant and other community groups on issues of health and safety across London. For a number of years they have campaigned on asbestos safety issues and host the annual Action Mesothelioma Day event in London.

Advice and support

Our advisors are fully trained, former Lung Cancer Nurse Specialists who spent their nursing careers working with mesothelioma sufferers and their families. They are experienced in providing practical advice and are knowledgeable about benefits and compensation schemes. They can help you with paperwork and provide assistance and guidance. Our advisors can help by visiting you at home and can be contacted by telephone. Their services are free. We can also help you link with support groups so that you can meet and talk with other people suffering from asbestos-related illness.

Help with compensation

We can put you in touch with organisations that can help you. If you need legal advice we can assist you in obtaining help from lawyers who are experts in dealing with asbestos disease claims. Our panel lawyers only act for individuals, not companies who may have caused the illness.

Contact us today – our services are free

If you need help, advice or more information about what to do following a diagnosis of asbestos related disease, please contact us:

London Asbestos Support Awareness Group
Freephone: **0808 278 2515**

What is asbestos?

Asbestos is a naturally occurring, fibrous mineral. It was used extensively in the UK from the 1900s. Due to its huge versatility, asbestos was moulded into many forms including sheeting and cloth.

Many people have been exposed to asbestos fibres through their own work, the work of colleagues near to them, washing a family member's contaminated clothing or living near to an asbestos factory. The exposure is likely to have taken place many decades ago.

Not everyone who has been exposed to asbestos will develop an asbestos related condition. However, for those people who do, it is important they receive independent and impartial advice from specialists. The London Asbestos Support Awareness Group was set up specifically to assist victims and families affected by asbestos related diseases.



London Asbestos Support Awareness Group

*Providing free help, advice and support to those suffering from
asbestos related disease and their families.*

We help sufferers all over London and the South
and will travel to see patients in their homes

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