

WARNING

Asbestos in your community

Many old buildings still contain asbestos and as these buildings deteriorate asbestos dust can be released into the atmosphere. High levels of asbestos dust has been found in schools and hospitals because of maintenance or building work. However, tests in schools have also shown that in certain circumstances normal classroom activities can release cumulatively significant levels.

Merseyside has a long history of Asbestos use

In 1975, Liverpool Docks imported 25.3 thousand metric tons of asbestos. Local shipyard workers have described fights using asbestos as snowballs not being aware of the dangers.

For more information on how asbestos has been widely used in local industry, refer to website.

Waxa aad loo ogyahay in dad badan oo ka tirsan jaaliyadda Somaaliyeed ay ka soo shaqeeyeen ciidanka iijinka (maoorka) ee maraakiibta kuwaas oo ay ku jiri jireen in badan oo asbestos ah.

Miyaad weligaa ka soo shaclaysay meel uu yaallo asbestos arna miyuu ku gaari jiray boodhkiisa? Haddii aad aaminsan tahay in aad qabto cudurro la xidhiidha asbestos, fadlan soo wac telefoonkan si aad u hesho talo.

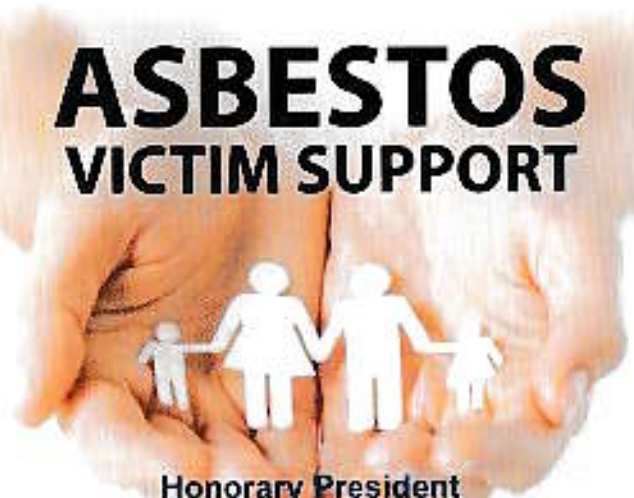
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華人社區中有很多人士以前是海員，航海業與很多別的工業一樣，成員都很容易患上與石棉有關的疾病，如你認為你因為職業的緣故患上因石棉引起的疾病，請致電單張上刊印的電話號碼，或通過百祥塔社區中心與我們聯絡。百祥塔社區中心電話：0151 236 1895

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Who Are We?

The Merseyside Asbestos Victims Support Group (MAVSG) was established

in 1993 after a public meeting was held in Liverpool to discuss asbestos related diseases, it was found there was a lack of specialist asbestos victims support services.

The group was formed, and continues to be run, by sufferers of asbestos related diseases and their families.



What do we do?

We offer a completely free and confidential service to

those suffering with an asbestos related disease and to their families both on Merseyside and further afield.

Our services include:

- A home visit service to anyone unable to travel to our office.
- A drop in centre for sufferers and their families
- Living Well Support Group Meetings run in conjunction with Mesothelioma UK and local nurses
- Representation at DWP tribunals.
- Family support at inquests.
- Welfare Benefits advice from our Welfare Rights Officer

- Completion of all appropriate paper work.
- Access to other services and organisations e.g. counselling



Asbestos-related illnesses

● MESOTHELIOMA

Is a form of cancer almost exclusively caused by exposure to asbestos dust. It affects the pleura (lining) of the lungs and/or chest wall rather than the lung itself. A rarer form is peritoneal mesothelioma, which affects the linings of the abdomen/stomach. The development of the disease can take up to 10-15 to 40+ years after first exposure to asbestos dust.

● LUNG CANCER

Is a malignant (cancerous) tumour or tumours within the lungs. There is a known association between Lung Cancer and exposure to asbestos fibre. People who have already developed asbestosis have a greater risk of contracting lung cancer.

● ASBESTOSIS

Is the term used to describe benign (non-cancerous) fibrosis or scarring of the lungs, caused by exposure to asbestos fibre.

● PLEURAL THICKENING

Is a benign thickening of the pleura due to extensive scarring caused by asbestos fibres.

● PLEURAL PLAQUES

Are raised areas of thickened pleura which can be seen on x-rays. Pleural plaques are benign and do not usually cause significant symptoms, they are visible on X-ray and are indicative of exposure to asbestos.



Asbestos exposure in women

Many women were exposed to asbestos whilst working in bag warehouses recycling hessian bags used to transport asbestos through the docks, by washing their husbands' or other relatives' work clothes and while working with asbestos on Hoffman Presses in the clothing industry. More recently we are seeing an increase in women who have been exposed to asbestos while working in buildings containing asbestos.



Asbestos in schools

We have also seen an increase in mesothelioma in school teachers and associated workers due to exposure to asbestos within schools.

For further details

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