

Mesothelioma and Options for Compensation

Being diagnosed with mesothelioma can be overwhelming. You may be eligible for compensation if you were exposed to asbestos. This handout offers you information about the compensation available.

Depending on the type of asbestos exposure you may be able to apply for compensation from Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, Compensation Trust Funds or Veterans Affairs Canada.

You may be eligible for compensation even if:

- You were exposed at work
- You were exposed at home
- You were self employed
- Your employer is no longer in business
- Your exposure happened outside of Canada (compensation may be available in the country where the exposure happened)

Workers' Compensation

The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) provides workers' compensation. If you were exposed to asbestos in your workplace, you may qualify for compensation from WSIB. You and your healthcare team need to file a claim.

If your claim is accepted, you, your spouse and children may receive:

- Money to make up for your loss of income
- Benefits to cover your healthcare costs
- Counselling for you and your family
- Survivor payments for your spouse or dependents
- Benefits to help with costs of transportation or funeral expenses

How to file a claim

1. Complete the WSIB Worker's Report of Injury/Disease Form (Form 6) found at www.wsib.ca/en/forms
2. Have your healthcare team complete the WSIB Health Professional's Report (Form 8) found at <https://www.wsib.ca/en/healthcareforms>
3. Mail completed forms to:
Workplace Safety and Insurance Board
200 Front St. West, Toronto, ON, M5V 3J1
Or fax the forms to: 416-344-4684. The forms can also be uploaded on the website at www.wsib.ca/en/healthcareforms

If you file a claim with WSIB you or your family will not be able to get compensation from other sources. For more information, contact the WSIB.

Compensation Trust Funds

Compensation Trust Funds provide compensation to people with mesothelioma from exposure to asbestos. These Trust Funds were created by former manufacturers and suppliers of asbestos.

What you need to know about these Trust Funds

- No court case is needed.
- There may be legal fees. It is important to talk with your lawyer about this.
- You may receive compensation from more than 1 Trust Fund. This depends on your work history and the products you were exposed to.
- You may make a claim if you were exposed outside of your workplace or do not have workers' compensation coverage (i.e., home renovations, washing the clothing of another person or living in the home of someone who was exposed to asbestos, if you were self-employed, or you are the family member of someone who has died from mesothelioma)

If you file a claim through Trust Funds you or your family will not be able to get compensation from other sources. For more information, contact a lawyer who specializes in mesothelioma claims. See the list below.

Veterans Affairs Canada

Veterans with a diagnosis of mesothelioma may be able to receive benefits from Veterans Affairs Canada, if the exposure to asbestos as a result of your service.

How to file a claim

1. Call Veterans Affairs Canada to talk to a Representative about your health and compensation options.
2. Veteran's Affairs Canada will mail you a medical form. Have your healthcare team fill out this form.
3. Complete the Veterans Affairs Canada Disability Benefits form (Form PEN923) found at www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/forms/document/616
4. Mail completed forms to: Veterans Affairs Canada, PO Box 6000, Matane, Quebec, G4W 0E4

If you file a claim through Veterans Affairs Canada, you or your family will not be able to get compensation from other sources. For more information, contact Veterans Affairs Canada.

Organizations or law firms offering information about compensation

This alphabetical list of organizations is for information only. Lakeridge Health/Durham Regional Cancer Centre does not represent or support any organization or individual on this list.

Name of organization	Contact information
Brown Law Office	Call: 905-430-4500 extension 224 Website: www.brownlawyers.ca
Canadian Cancer Society	Website: www.cancer.ca
Cancer Care Ontario	Website: www.cancercareonatio.ca
Canadian Mesothelioma Foundation	Call: 416-417-5544 Website: www.cmfonline.org
Howie, Sacks and Henry LLP	Call: 1-877-771-7006 Website: www.hshlawyers.com
Miskin Law	Call: 905-430-8880 Website: www.miskinlaw.ca
Rohan Atherton through Mesothelioma Claim Advisors	Call: 416-900-3515 Website: www.mesoclaimadvisors.com/compensation
Veterans Affairs Canada	Call: 1-866-522-2122 Website: www.veterans.gc.ca
Will Davidson LLP	Call: 1-800-661-7606 Website: www.willdavidson.ca
Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)	Call: 416-344-1000 or 1-800-387-0750 Website: www.wsib.ca/en

If you have questions or concerns about the information in this handout, call to talk to a social worker at the cancer centre at 905-576-8711 /1-866-338-1778 extension 33282.

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