

ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASES

Inhalation of asbestos fibers can lead to several health conditions including interstitial pulmonary fibrosis (asbestosis); tumors; mesotheliomas of pleura and peritoneum; cancers of the lung, gastrointestinal tract, urogenital system and many others.

During the 20th century the Navy and other branches of the military employed asbestos products in ships, buildings and other military facilities. Most insulation and construction materials before the mid 1970's contained asbestos. Asbestos was especially prevalent in Navy and Coast Guard ships of that era. Some of the most common products were:

- Insulation on pipes and boilers
- Fireproofing spray insulation
- Firebrick and gunnite used for internal insulation of furnaces, boilers and other vessels
- Roof, floor and ceiling tiles
- Brakes and clutches

Navy personnel at the greatest risk for asbestos related diseases include:

<u>Job Code</u>	<u>Job Classification</u>
AQ	Aviation Fire Control Technician
BR	Boilermaker
BT	Boilerman
F	Fireman
FC	Fire Controlman
FP	Pipefitter
FT	Fire Control Technician
FTG	Fire Control Technician (Gun fire control)
HT	Hull Maintenance Technician
IM	Instrumentman
SO	Sonarman
SoM	Soundman
ST	Sonar Technician
STG	Sonar Technician (Surface)
STS	Sonar Technician (Submarine)
UT	Utilitiesman
WT	Watertender

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