"Asbestos: Education, Advocacy and Social Action"

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Victim

the only word that describes

1. A patient, living or deceased, who was diagnosed with an asbestos-related disease
2. Person unknowingly exposed to asbestos
3. Family members of those exposed or diagnosed with ARD

Alan Reinstein, former ADAO President
Mesothelioma Victim

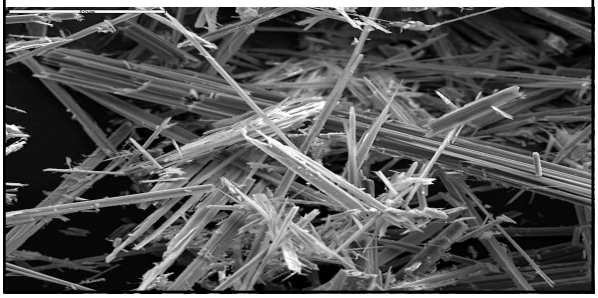
May 2005 **May 2006**

EDUCATION & ADVOCACY
Drives Public Policy & Fuels Research

1980 Mothers Against Drunk Driving
1982 Susan G. Komen for the Cure
1985 Rock Hudson and AIDS
2004 Lance Armstrong "Livestrong"

The WHO, EPA and ILO agree:

Asbestos is a proven human carcinogen and there is no safe level of exposure



World Health Organization

Global Occupational Exposure

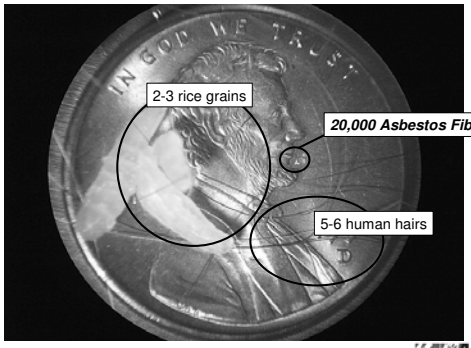
More than 107,000 workers die annually from asbestos-related lung cancer, mesothelioma and asbestosis

1,523,000 years lost due to premature mortality or disability caused from asbestos-related lung cancer, mesothelioma and asbestosis (DALYs*)

125 million workers in the world are exposed to asbestos

*"the sum of years of potential life lost due to premature mortality and the years of productive life lost due to disability"

How small is asbestos?



Occupational and Non-Occupational Exposure Continues

Libby, Montana

9/11 NYC

ASSURANCE OF POLICY

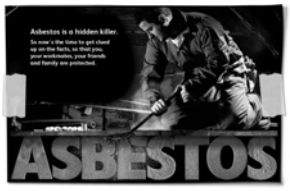
Education, Compliance
Enforcement

John Thayer

Supervisor of the U.S. Capitol Tunnel Crew

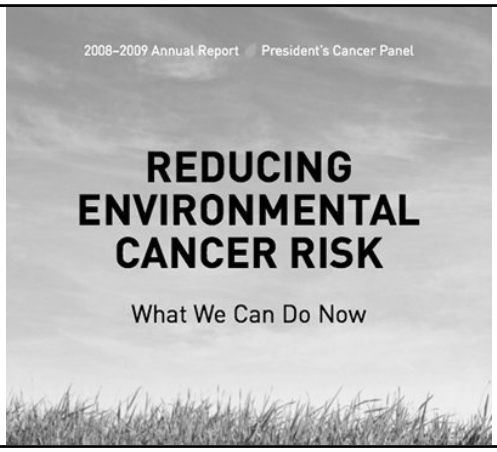
Advocacy Campaigns

TAKE OUT TOXICS



Kill a Worker

Go to Jail



Products Found to Contain Asbestos

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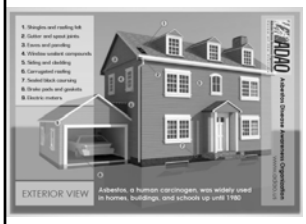
Identifying Asbestos in the Home



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Socioeconomic Determinants of Health

- Income
- Education
- Occupation
- Health Care Literacy
- Geography

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American Public Health Association

2009 APHA RESOLUTION
"THE ELIMINATION OF ASBESTOS"

http://bit.ly/aHHBuJ

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Ignorance, Fear, Greed
Action - Inaction

Public

Corporate

Government

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April 1 – 3, 2011

Atlanta, Georgia

Asbestos: Impact on Public Health, Environment, And Economy

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