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The *Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)* continues to raise public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure, and the incurable and often deadly asbestos related diseases. Asbestos awareness leads to prevention, early diagnosis, treatments and a cure.

Many innocent people have been occupationally or environmentally exposed to asbestos and know little about the early warning symptoms of asbestos related diseases. Diagnosing disease is often difficult; asbestos related disease symptoms are generally vague and can be easily confused with other illnesses such as pneumonia. Only a doctor can properly diagnose asbestos related diseases.

Asbestos exposure is linked numerous disease such as **asbestosis, lung & gastrointestinal cancers**, and an aggressive cancer called **mesothelioma**. Inhaling asbestos fibers can cause permanent and irreversible damage to vital organs. Disease occurs 10 - 50 years after exposure.

The undiagnosed need to **STOP AND THINK** about possible occupational or environmental asbestos exposure when asked by their doctors.

Heavy industrial asbestos exposure occurred prior to 1980 in the following industries:

Automotive

Construction

Shipbuilding

Occupations with a high risk of asbestos exposure include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Workers involved in the manufacture of asbestos products
- Asbestos mining and milling
- Construction trades (including insulators, sheet metal workers, electricians, plumbers, pipe fitters, and carpenters)
- Power plant workers
- Auto Mechanics
- Boilermakers
- Shipyard workers
- Firefighters
- Navy Veterans

Inhalation of asbestos fibers may lead to the following malignant and nonmalignant diseases, such as, but not limited to:

Mesothelioma

Lung Cancer

Larynx, Esophagus, Stomach Cancer

Asbestosis

Kidney and Bowel Problems

Chronic Pulmonary Respiratory Disorders

For information regarding early warning symptoms - refer to
<http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org/eLibrary/symptoms.doc>

“United for Asbestos Disease Awareness, Education, Advocacy, Prevention, Support and a Cure.”
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If you have a concern about asbestos exposure or a related illness, consult your physician.*

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