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 to numerous diseases 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:

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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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ADAO does not provide medical diagnosis nor recommend treatment or legal referrals.

If you have a concern about asbestos exposure or a related illness, consult your physician.

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