



Mesothelioma claims

Bringing a mesothelioma claim

Who is at risk of exposure to asbestos?

Some of the most common professions at risk include mechanics, construction workers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, railway workers, dock workers, ship builders, electricians and firefighters.

Where could the exposure(s) have taken place?

Common locations include public buildings, construction sites, factories, power stations, dockyards and motor industry sites.

Sometimes clients come into contact with asbestos through secondary exposure, such as washing the overalls of a loved one that has worked with asbestos.

The key thing to remember is that where there is mesothelioma there has usually been asbestos exposure. Even if you are unsure where exposure took place, it is always worth investigating given the devastating impact of the disease on individuals and their families.

How do I make a mesothelioma claim?

For a free consultation about making a claim, call our solicitors on 0800 587 0093. We offer a free home visit and can provide benefits advice including putting in place the Industrial Injury Disablement Benefit.

How much does it cost to make a claim?

All of our cases are dealt with on a 'No Win No Fee' basis which means that if your case is unsuccessful, you will not have to pay anything.

How long does it take to make a claim?

Mesothelioma compensation claims are dealt with in a specialist way by The Royal Courts of Justice through a fast track procedure to ensure swift justice for victims. The average claim duration is between six and 18 months.

Does the likely defendant employer/company still exist?

Your solicitor will request your work history from the HMRC and locate your former employer/company via the Companies House Register of Companies.

What if my employer no longer trades?

We will search for the employers' liability insurers. The Diffuse Mesothelioma Payment Scheme (DMPS) claim is available where the defendant company has no insurance or where no defendant company can be located.

What can I claim for?

- General damages for pain, suffering and loss of amenity.
- Out of pocket expenses (special damages) e.g. loss of income, pension entitlement, care and assistance etc.

Whilst we understand that compensation does not bring anything other than financial security, it does bring peace of mind.

Anglia Asbestos Disease Support Group

Ashtons Legal is proud to sponsor Anglia Asbestos Disease Support Group. Meetings take place monthly in Norwich and are a chance to learn more about your condition and the help available. Attendees feel less isolated by their illness, and through developing friendships with other patients and carers, gain experiential advice and support. Go to www.angliaasbestos.co.uk for more information.

Current claims and client testimonials

Current claims

A £50,000 interim payment was secured for Mrs D who had been diagnosed with mesothelioma, after washing her husband's asbestos contaminated overalls. The Royal Courts of Justice in London ordered the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham to pay an interim payment of £50,000 to Mrs D, with damages to be assessed at a later date.

Mr J, a carpenter, was diagnosed with mesothelioma aged 60. An early letter of claim to his former employer resulted in an interim payment of £50,000. An admission of liability was secured within four months of instruction. Mr J has since passed away but the claim is now continuing on behalf of his estate.

A claim was brought by Mr B after he was exposed to asbestos whilst employed as a technician at a college in Hertfordshire between 1982 and 1992. A witness appeal brought forward several of Mr B's former colleagues. Supportive witness evidence by former colleagues helped secure an admission of liability.

A £50,000 interim payment was obtained for a 79 year old retired BT Engineer who was diagnosed with mesothelioma in September 2018. BT admitted liability in April 2019, just six months after Ashtons was instructed.

A Suffolk lady in her early 70s was diagnosed with mesothelioma after being exposed to asbestos when working for a local tailor in Bury St Edmunds in the 1960s. Unfortunately the business had ceased to trade. A Diffuse Mesothelioma Payment Scheme (DPMS) application was submitted. The mesothelioma sufferer was awarded her payment within three months of first consulting Ashtons.

Client testimonials

"Amongst the very best. There is no comparable firm or individual lawyer by whom we are instructed in this locality"

Sylvia Phillips

"I cannot express how grateful I am – I've been so anxious and you have always given me advice support & kindness. You have earned my very sincere admiration. Thanks so much"

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