

POA ASBESTOS EXPOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE

POA is currently undertaking a process to determine asbestos exposure amongst members. The risk of asbestos exposure arises from the presence of asbestos in UK prisons particularly when it becomes damaged due to maintenance work or in-mates disturbances.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to collect information on past employment where there may have been exposure to asbestos in order to create a structured and permanent database of information and factual records. Therefore, it is important that if you know or suspect that you have been exposed to asbestos in the past, you should please complete this form and return it to the address located at the end of the Questionnaire.

It is important to remember that not everyone who has been exposed to asbestos develops an asbestos related disease. However, for those who do develop disease, the effects can be devastating. By collecting information now on past employment for all members who know or suspect that they may have been exposed to asbestos, POA aims to assist any future claims for compensation for members who develop asbestos related illness. The information you provide is for your protection as well as possibly benefiting other members.

Thank you for your assistance

1. Surname		
2. Forename(s)		
3. Home address		
4. Home telephone number		
5. Please give your POA membership number		
6. Are you a current member of POA? Please tick	Yes	No
7. Have you been exposed to asbestos? Please tick	Yes	No



8. Please give details of where and when you were exposed to asbestos

Name and address of employer and address of site/location	Dates of employment		Brief description of how you were exposed to asbestos
	From	To	

Please provide additional information on a separate sheet of paper

9. Please give the names and addresses of any workmates or witnesses who can confirm how you were exposed to asbestos.

Name	Address

10. Have you ever been told you may be suffering from any asbestos related disease? Please tick	Yes	No
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11. If yes, have you been told which of the following you are suffering from? Please tick

Mesothelioma	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pleural Plaques	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pleural Thickening	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asbestosis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
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12. When were you diagnosed?	
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13. Have you ever applied to the DWP (formally the DSS) for benefits relating to your asbestos related disease? Please tick	Yes	No
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14. If yes, when did you claim?	
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15. Have you ever previously obtained legal advice in connection with your asbestos exposure? If yes, give the name and address of the solicitors.	
Yes	No

I confirm and consent to this information being used by the union and others for the purpose of assisting personal injury claims.

I confirm the content of this statement is true.

Signed:

Date:

Asbestos related diseases such as mesothelioma (a terminal cancer) can take up to 30 years or more after the fibres are inhaled before the symptoms become evident, leaving little time to prove who was responsible for the exposure. By taking part in this exercise, you may be helping to save time and speed up a claim in the unfortunate event of ever being diagnosed with an asbestos disease.

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OR BY POST TO: Library, Thompsons Solicitors LLP Manchester, PO Box 11031, Nottingham, NG1 9PE**