

# ASBESTOS



Always There For You





“FROM THE TIME YOU ARE INFORMED OR SHOULD KNOW THAT YOU HAVE AN ASBESTOS DISEASE, YOU WILL NORMALLY HAVE 3 YEARS TO START COURT ACTION.”

# THE EXPERT SPECIALIST ADVICE YOU NEED



When an asbestos related disease is diagnosed, the effects can be devastating for both the victim and the entire family. You need authoritative, expert legal advice to reduce the fear and worry that such distressing news brings and help you navigate the uncertain times ahead.

IT IS IMPERATIVE TO SPEAK TO A SOLICITOR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE ONCE YOU HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH AN ASBESTOS RELATED CONDITION.

If you're reading this information leaflet, it is likely that you or a loved one has received news of a diagnosis of an asbestos related disease. You will need legal advice from an expert solicitor in asbestos disease claims, who will address the uncertainty, the burden and the worry at such times, so you can concentrate on what's important – getting on with your life. They will know how to quickly trace the relevant defendant – usually an employer – their insurers and even how to bring a defunct company back into existence so that you can get the compensation you deserve.

Initially, you need to establish which asbestos disease you are suffering from. Some diseases are more serious than others and progress more rapidly, so it is important for you and your solicitor to know what asbestos related disease you have and the progress of your illness. No matter what stage you are at, your solicitor should bring Court action as soon as possible.

Your solicitor will take details from you about your illness, your work history, your history of asbestos exposure and other details that will help bring your claim to Court. They will advise you on the benefits you can claim from State Support and will help you go about claiming benefits.

We can also advise you about government schemes set up to compensate victims of certain asbestos related diseases.

### **Do asbestos claims need specialist Solicitors?**

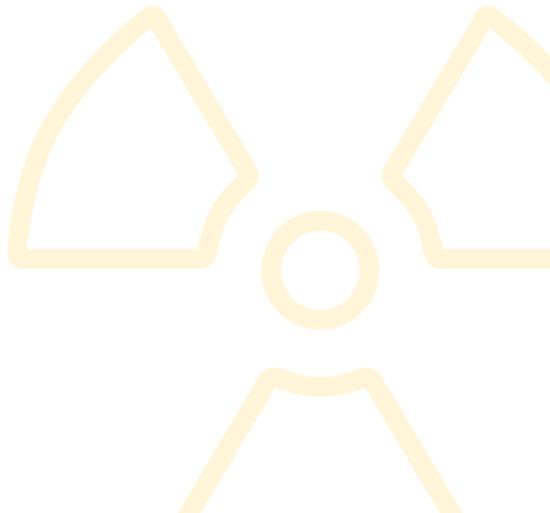
The answer is “absolutely yes”. The fact is that many asbestos claims are extremely complex and all are very important. Unfortunately, over recent years the insurance industry has taken every possible legal point available to them, to try to defeat legitimate claims for injuries caused by asbestos exposure.

It's vital that you consult a solicitor who specialises in asbestos claims. A non-specialist solicitor might offer to 'have a go' with your case, but by not knowing your best options to justice, valuable time could be lost to you and your loved ones could miss out on vital support and timely financial benefits.

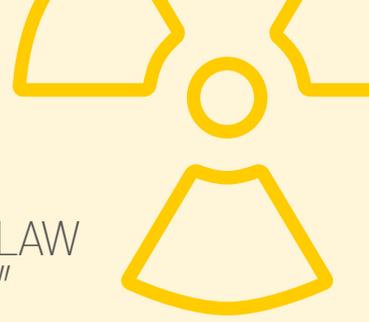
### **Will I receive funding for my claim?**

Many people are naturally concerned about the costs of pursuing a claim for compensation. You don't need to be. There are a number of alternatives for funding your case which we will discuss with you. These include whether you are a Trade Union member, as funding for your case may be available through the union, no win, no fee agreements and whether you have legal expenses insurance.

If you do have legal expenses insurance, we'll need to consider if the policy covers asbestos related diseases. Certain policies require you to report your condition within a period of 180 days of diagnosis.



"WHENEVER A PERSON DIES OF AN ASBESTOS RELATED DISEASE, THE LAW SAYS THERE MUST BE AN INQUEST."



### Posthumous Claims

If you die, your estate and dependants will be able to carry on with your claim. 'Dependants' can be your wife, husband, partner, children or any family member who relied on you for money or help. 'Partner' means someone you lived with continuously for at least 2 years as a wife, husband or same sex partner up to the date of death.

If you were a dependant of a loved one who has already died of asbestos disease, you may still be able to claim compensation. A dependant can recover their financial loss and loss of the loved one's services.

If you've left it longer than 3 years to take action, in some circumstances this time limit can be overcome, however the quicker you consult a solicitor specialising in asbestos claims, the quicker Court proceedings can begin and the better the outcome is likely to be for you.

If you are named as the executor of a Will for someone who has died of an asbestos disease and that person has not been compensated, you can sue for compensation on behalf of the victim's Estate. The Estate may receive compensation for the victim's pain and suffering, loss of earnings up to their death, the cost of nursing and caring for them, the cost of the funeral, and other expenses.

If the person died without making a Will and without receiving compensation payment, their next of kin can sue for compensation. They will need a document called 'Letter of Administration' which we can help them to obtain.

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## State Support

One of our lawyers played a pivotal role in increasing the benefits that Mesothelioma sufferers are entitled to immediately and we will advise you on the strict time limits in force and benefits it is best to claim as soon as possible, whatever asbestos disease you may suffer.

## About Morrish Solicitors Asbestos Support Unit

Our specialist team wins nearly all asbestos claims where we bring Court action, even if it does not actually go to a Court hearing. Every asbestos disease victim's case is dealt with by a specialist solicitor (either a Partner or Senior lawyer in our firm). We know the top medical experts in industrial disease and can harness their expertise in bringing claims to Court.

Over the years we have built up an extensive database of information on companies which used, traded in or transported asbestos. We know where these companies and their insurers are located, enabling us to quickly bring about Court action.

We do not work for employers who are responsible for asbestos diseases, or their insurers, so your case will never have a conflict.

Morrish has handled asbestos claims for over 30 years and recovered compensation for almost every claim where compensation is awarded for the condition.

Members of our specialist team are accredited by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers and has a proven track record in cases for victims of asbestos disease and their families.

If you would like to get in touch with any enquiries you may have about our services please feel free to contact call us on **033 3344 9600** or email **[info@morrishsolicitors.com](mailto:info@morrishsolicitors.com)**

You may also wish to refer to our Asbestos Support Unit pages on our website, **[www.morrishsolicitors.com/asbestos](http://www.morrishsolicitors.com/asbestos)**



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