

Benefits of Compensation

Lung cancer and mesothelioma are recognized occupational diseases by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).

If you file for a claim and the WSIB accepts the claim, your benefits could include:

- Health care and medical costs
- Loss of earnings payments
- Non-economic loss benefits - compensation for physical, functional, or psychological loss
- Personal care allowance to hire attendants and an independent living allowance
- Home modifications to facilitate independent living

Benefits are also available to the families of workers who suffer from mesothelioma or lung cancer. These benefits can include:

- A lump sum payment and monthly payments to your spouse or children
- Educational support through post-secondary education for your children
- Counseling services for your spouse and children
- Burial expenses
- Employment assistance to your spouse to support return to work

If you were exposed to asbestos in your workplace, you can file a claim. Despite the benefits available, few workers with mesothelioma or lung cancer file for compensation.

Close to 90% of mesothelioma claims filed in Ontario are accepted and receive compensation. Those that do not receive compensation are generally workers who are not insured by the WSIB (for example, self-employed workers), those who were not exposed in the workplace, those who were not exposed in Ontario, and those who abandon their claim before receiving compensation.

If you think this applies to you, please fill out the enclosed survey, so that we can contact you.

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