

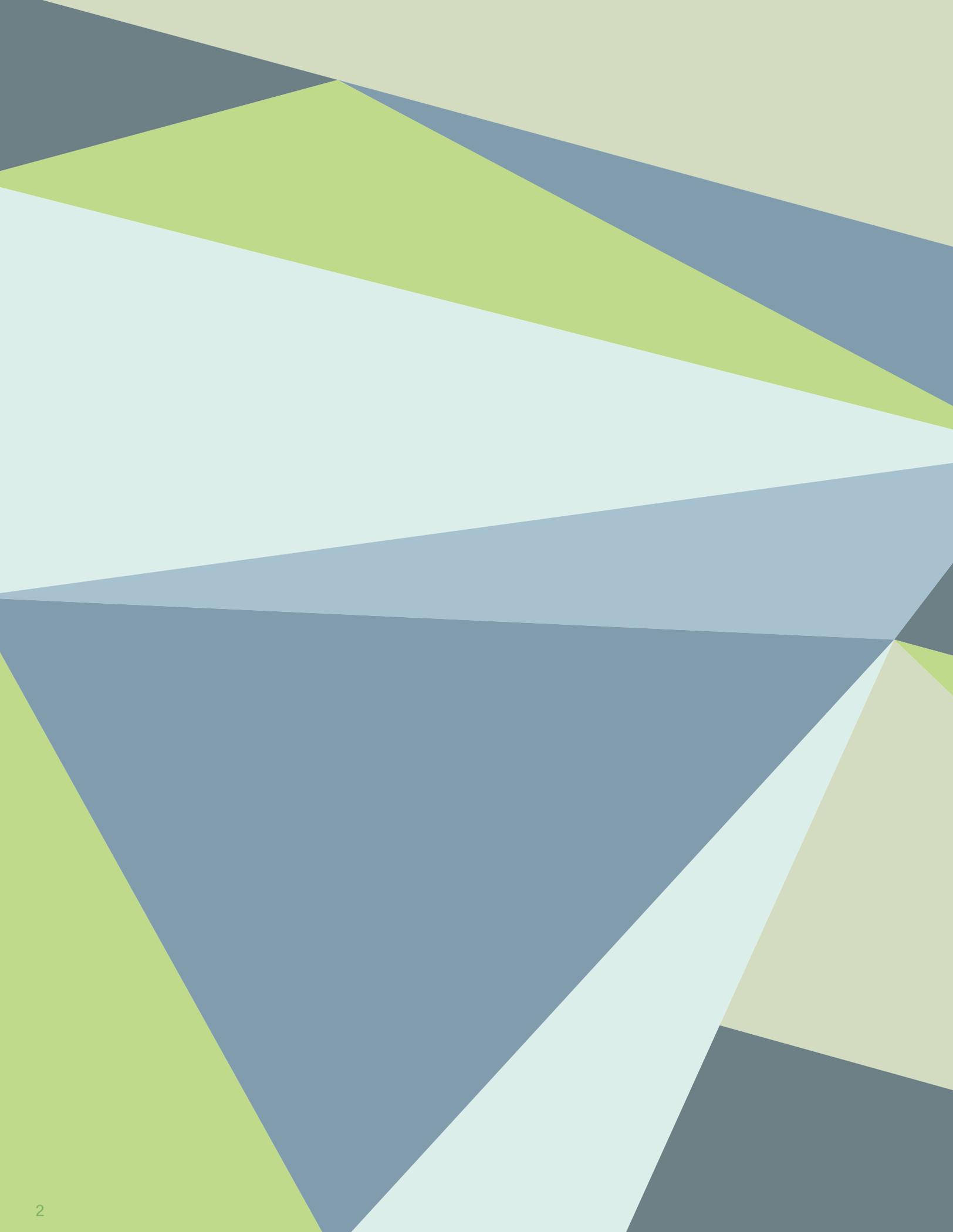
MESOTHELIOMA

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PERSONAL INJURY & TOXIC TORT LITIGATION



A MESSAGE FROM SHEPARD LAW

For over 25 years, our law firm has specialized in helping individuals and families hurt by asbestos exposure. We've helped hundreds of clients affected by mesothelioma and understand how devastating this diagnosis can be, not only to you but also to your family. We understand that in the months ahead, you and your loved ones will have many difficult medical, financial, and legal decisions to make. We hope that the materials provided in this brochure provide useful information that you can use to make those decisions.

At Shepard Law, our goal is to help people diagnosed with mesothelioma feel supported, informed, and hopeful as they battle this terrible disease. The resources provided in this folder about your legal options will support and complement the medical advice that your doctors and oncologists provide during this difficult time.

We care about you and believe that every injured person deserves caring, compassionate, and capable representation. We'll take the time to get to know you, your family, your situation, and needs, because you deserve respect and kindness—in addition to justice. We are with you every step of the way with the right balance of compassion and fierce advocacy on your behalf. We know you are relying on us, and we will work as hard as possible to resolve your case. Please call us directly with any questions you may have.



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THE SHEPARD LAW DIFFERENCE

NOTHING CAN EASE THE PAIN OF A MESOTHELIOMA DIAGNOSIS. HOWEVER, OBTAINING FAIR COMPENSATION FROM THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR INJURIES HAS THE POWER TO ENSURE YOUR FAMILY'S FINANCIAL SECURITY. OUR PROCESS IS SIMPLE:

THERE IS NO COST TO TALK TO US ABOUT A POTENTIAL CASE.

We do not charge any fee for a consultation. We don't want any barriers that would prevent you from telling us your story.

NO OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS.

If we are not successful, you will not be responsible for expenses that occur during the handling of your case. We will not ask you to pay out-of-pocket costs related to your case.

NO FEE UNLESS WE GET A VERDICT OR SETTLEMENT FOR YOU.

If we are unable to get a verdict or settlement for you, we do not charge you for our efforts.

WE TAKE THE TIME TO EXPLAIN THE ENTIRE PROCESS TO YOU.

The litigation process can be intimidating and confusing. We take the time to explain the process from beginning to end, setting realistic expectations and timelines. We want you to be comfortable with the process.

WE COME TO YOU IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TRAVEL TO OUR OFFICE.

We have offices in Boston and Worcester. However, if you are unable to come to our offices due to health or other reasons, we will come to you even if you live in another state. We do our best to remove any issues that could stop you from receiving quality representation, including travel. We feel it is important to meet with our clients where they are most comfortable.

WE DO OUR WORK IN THE BACKGROUND.

The legal process does not have to take over your daily life. Our attorneys work diligently in the background, dealing with all the details of the litigation process. This allows you to concentrate on what's most important to you—your health and your family.

IT WON'T AFFECT YOUR MEDICAL CARE, INSURANCE, SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE, DISABILITY, RETIREMENT, ETC.

Legal proceedings will not affect your medical care, insurance, or benefits like Social Security, Medicare, disability, or retirement.

ASBESTOS FIBERS CANNOT BE SEEN, SMELLED, OR TASTED AND EXPOSURE DOES NOT CAUSE ANY IMMEDIATE SYMPTOMS. ASBESTOS-RELATED ILLNESSES CAN TAKE UP TO 20-50 YEARS TO DEVELOP.

HOW WE CAN HELP

**ALL LAWYERS SAY THEY FIGHT FOR YOUR RIGHTS.
AT SHEPARD LAW, OUR CLIENTS SAY WE DO.**

As one of the top law firms in Massachusetts focusing on asbestos claims involving mesothelioma or lung cancer, our firm has litigated mesothelioma lawsuits in both state and federal courts for over 25 years. We have represented victims of asbestos exposure throughout New England and across the United States.

Our attorneys have the experience and necessary resources needed to successfully hold larger corporations and businesses accountable for their wrong-doing. The experience of our lawyers puts us in touch with the nation's leading experts, industrial hygienists, physicians, and specialists, giving you the best possible chance for success.



EXPERIENCED. COMPASSIONATE. DETERMINED.

When pursuing a claim for personal injury or wrongful death, choosing the right lawyer can make a meaningful difference in your life and in the lives of those you love. If you're choosing Shepard Law, you're making the right choice. We commit the full resources of our firm to every case we take and have the special experience needed to handle major asbestos claims involving mesothelioma or lung cancer. You'll also benefit from attorneys and staff who are personally invested in your case and who believe that every injured person deserves caring, compassionate, and capable representation.

HELPING YOU THROUGH IT ALL.

The people we've helped tell us that Shepard Law is different. That's because, as our client, we treat you the way we would want to be treated. We come to your house and meet with you on your terms. Taking the time to listen to your story, we offer personal guidance on what we can do to help. We explain in plain language how the process will unfold for your case and what you can expect from us.

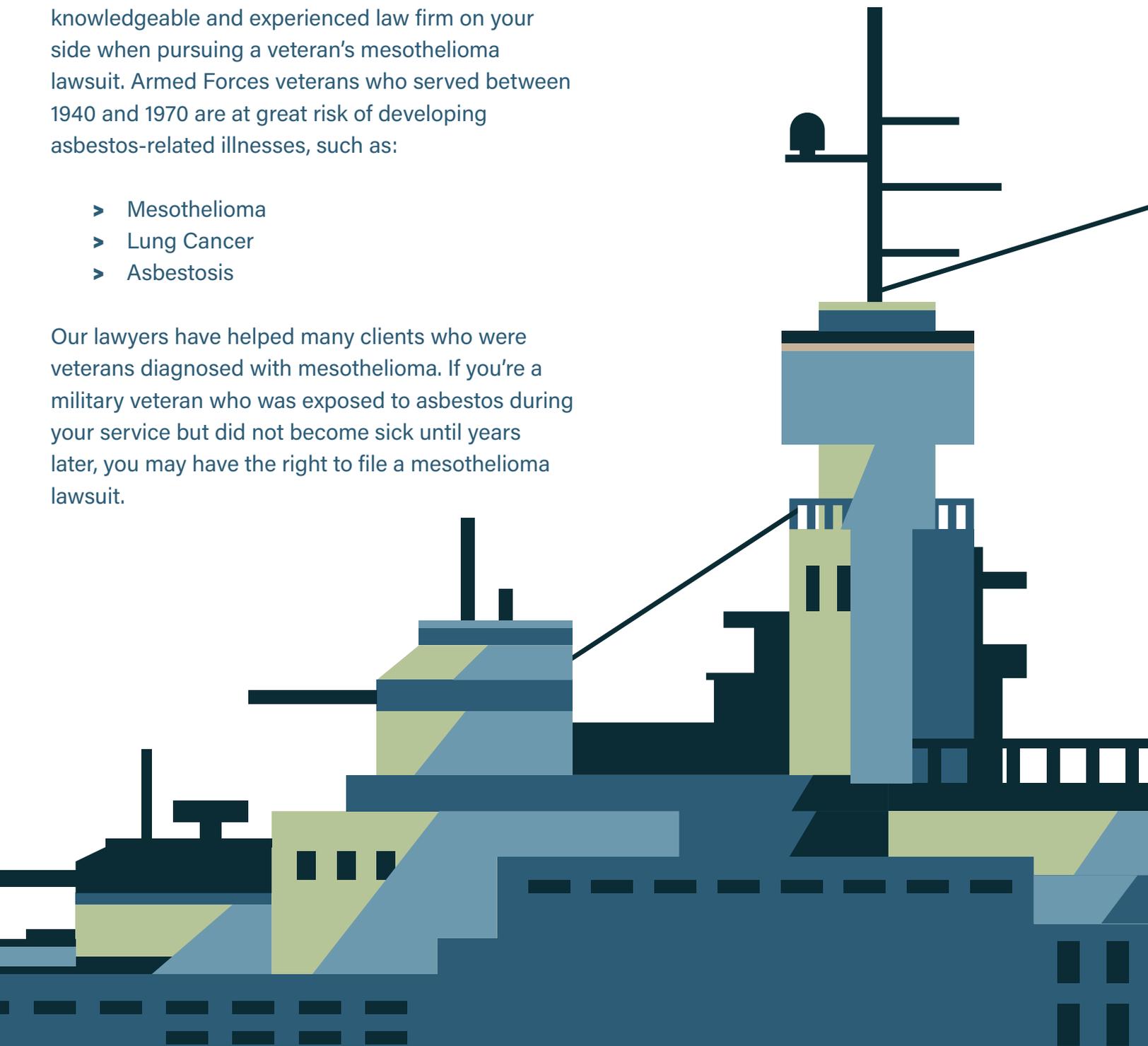
We understand that your "new normal" means dealing with doctors, hospitals, tests, treatments, medications, lost work, worried spouses and children, well-meaning friends, and numerous other distractions that you didn't have before you were injured. We get it, and we try to help you through it.

FOR VETERANS

More than 30% of Americans with mesothelioma were exposed to asbestos while serving in the United States military. Because asbestos was so common in the military, it's important to have a knowledgeable and experienced law firm on your side when pursuing a veteran's mesothelioma lawsuit. Armed Forces veterans who served between 1940 and 1970 are at great risk of developing asbestos-related illnesses, such as:

- Mesothelioma
- Lung Cancer
- Asbestosis

Our lawyers have helped many clients who were veterans diagnosed with mesothelioma. If you're a military veteran who was exposed to asbestos during your service but did not become sick until years later, you may have the right to file a mesothelioma lawsuit.





NAVY VETERANS AND ASBESTOS EXPOSURE

More than 300 asbestos containing products were used by the military, primarily by the Navy from the 1930s through the 1970s. Every Navy ship and Navy shipyard built before the 1970s employed numerous asbestos-containing materials, putting veterans and shipbuilders at risk. These asbestos materials were commonly used in engine and boiler rooms, navigation rooms, sleeping quarters, and mess halls. Asbestos could also be found in brakes, gaskets, valves, cements, adhesives, and floor and pipe coverings. Navy personnel who worked below deck were exposed to asbestos dust consistently.

Because of the extensive use of asbestos materials and asbestos-containing products, Navy veterans and shipyard workers are two of the most at-risk groups for developing malignant mesothelioma, lung cancer, and other asbestos-related diseases.

TESTIMONIALS

"They exceeded my expectations by knowing how to handle every situation even when I had my doubts, they would encourage me and told me I would do fine. They never dropped the ball whether it was returning my phone calls or answering my questions, or presenting in court."

— Joanna S.
Client Testimonial

"Perhaps the greatest benefit is the appreciation and gratitude clients and their families have expressed to us and our firm for connecting them with Shepard Law to assist with their Mesothelioma case. In addition to finding a great firm to refer clients to, we feel like we have gained a true friend in Michael and the Shepard Law team. We have received expert and prompt advice to various professional inquiries over the years and Shepard Law has trusted our firm to assist their clients with legal needs outside of Shepard Law's practice area."

— Chris M.
Referring Attorney Testimonial

"Erika O'Donnell was invaluable in helping us through a difficult time. After my husband was diagnosed and recovering from surgery I was overwhelmed. My sons and I were dealing with doctors, medical bills and home care. To add to that, our medical insurance coverage was in question. Erika, with compassion and understanding, walked us through our maze of questions and concerns, and made it easy! She was very professional and answered all my questions, no matter how trivial, calling me back promptly (even on her way home from the office and on the weekends). The entire staff at Shepard Law was nonintrusive, working diligently to bring resolution to all our issues and exceeded my expectations. Erika's kindness and concern for my family's well being went well beyond an attorney/client relationship. "

— Roxanne C.
Client Testimonial



**The EPA
estimates
that between
1940 - 1980**

27.5

MILLION AMERICANS were exposed to
asbestos at work.

RESULTS WE'VE ACHIEVED FOR OUR MESOT

Shepard Law is an experienced Boston law firm with extensive litigation expertise in asbestos and mesothelioma lawsuits. Here is a small sample of some of the case results that we have achieved on behalf of our clients. Case results listed below are for reference purposes only. Every case has its own unique circumstances that may ultimately affect the outcome. Contact us if you would like to discuss your potential case.

ASBESTOS EXPOSURE-HOME REMODELING

Shepard Law successfully litigated the case of a carpenter who was diagnosed with mesothelioma at the age of 64. He not only had asbestos exposures at work, but also during several home renovation projects that included heavy use of asbestos-containing joint compound to finish walls. His legal team at Shepard Law finalized a significant seven-figure settlement for his wife and family on the first day of trial.

ASBESTOS EXPOSURE-SHIPYARD

Shepard Law litigated several mesothelioma and lung cancer cases for plaintiffs who worked with and around asbestos-containing products during

their careers. One case involved a former shipyard worker who was diagnosed with mesothelioma at age 69 and another case involved a 68-year-old man was diagnosed with mesothelioma after having worked in a manufacturing facility that used asbestos products. Both men also had significant asbestos exposure from other sources including several home renovation projects and driveway automotive brake and clutch repairs. Through diligence and hard work, the Shepard Law team was able to recover millions of dollars for these clients and others in 2016.

ASBESTOS EXPOSURE-AUTOMOTIVE

Shepard Law successfully litigated the case of a family business owner who passed away from mesothelioma. His exposure to asbestos came from performing general maintenance and repair on the company's work vehicles at the on-site mechanic shop. He removed asbestos-containing gaskets, brakes, and clutches from trucks and forklifts. The Shepard Law legal team's hard work and perseverance resulted in a six-figure settlement for the client.



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**MEET WITH YOU & YOUR
FAMILY AT YOUR HOME**



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**BASED ON OUR
INTERVIEW, WE RESEARCH
& EVALUATE YOUR
ASBESTOS EXPOSURE**

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ASBESTOS EXPOSURE-BOILER REPAIR

Shepard Law represented a 66 year-old Connecticut resident who, after an early retirement, started his own excavation and junk removal business with his sons. The Plaintiff was exposed to asbestos from removing old boilers from residential basements, breaking the boilers up and hauling them away. Unfortunately, the Plaintiff passed away before he was able to testify but his two sons were able to give detailed testimony about their father's exposure to asbestos while working at the family business. The case resolved prior to trial for a significant seven-figure sum.

ASBESTOS EXPOSURE-POWER PLANT/ MANUFACTURING

Shepard Law successfully litigated the case of a 73-year-old gentleman who was diagnosed with mesothelioma after spending his career as an industrial painter. His exposure to asbestos came from his use of sound deadening material that he applied to the inside of industrial steam turbine covers. The Shepard Law team was able to recover a significant seven-figure settlement from

the companies that manufactured the asbestos-containing sound deadening material as well as the companies for whom the steam turbine covers were manufactured, since those companies specified the use of the asbestos-containing sound deadening material. The defendants in this case produced a significant amount of documentation that the team at Shepard Law diligently examined in order to make a strong case on our client's behalf.

Shepard Law successfully litigated the case of a career engineer who had been diagnosed with mesothelioma. The plaintiff had been exposed to asbestos while working in at a chemical plant in Springfield, Massachusetts. His work exposed him to significant amounts of asbestos from various manufacturing equipment including reactors, pumps, valves and related equipment. Shepard Law was able to obtain a significant settlement for the plaintiff and his family.



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**WE FILE CLAIMS
ON YOUR BEHALF**



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**WE WORK TO GET
SETTLEMENTS ON
YOUR BEHALF FROM
THE COMPANIES
THAT EXPOSED YOU
TO ASBESTOS**



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**IF SOMETHING
HAPPENS TO YOU,
WE CONTINUE TO
WORK WITH YOUR
FAMILY TO OBTAIN
THE BEST RESULTS**

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ASBESTOS EXPOSURE-AVIATION

Shepard Law successfully litigated a case on behalf of a 75 year-old U.S. Army veteran who served as a crew chief of Army aircraft at multiple bases in Vietnam. The Plaintiff was exposed to asbestos from maintenance work that was performed on the brakes, engines, clamps, and other asbestos-containing components of these aircraft. After serving in Vietnam, the Plaintiff worked as a pipefitter at many different locations throughout the Merrimack Valley of Massachusetts, including schools and hospitals. His work as a pipefitter exposed him to asbestos from boilers, pumps, valves, steam traps, and other equipment that he installed and maintained at these construction sites. The litigation team at Shepard Law was able to obtain a seven-figure settlement for the client and his wife after extensive work getting the case ready for a trial.

ASBESTOS EXPOSURE-HVAC

Shepard Law represented the owner of a home delivery heating and oil company who was diagnosed with mesothelioma. He was exposed to asbestos while installing, removing, and

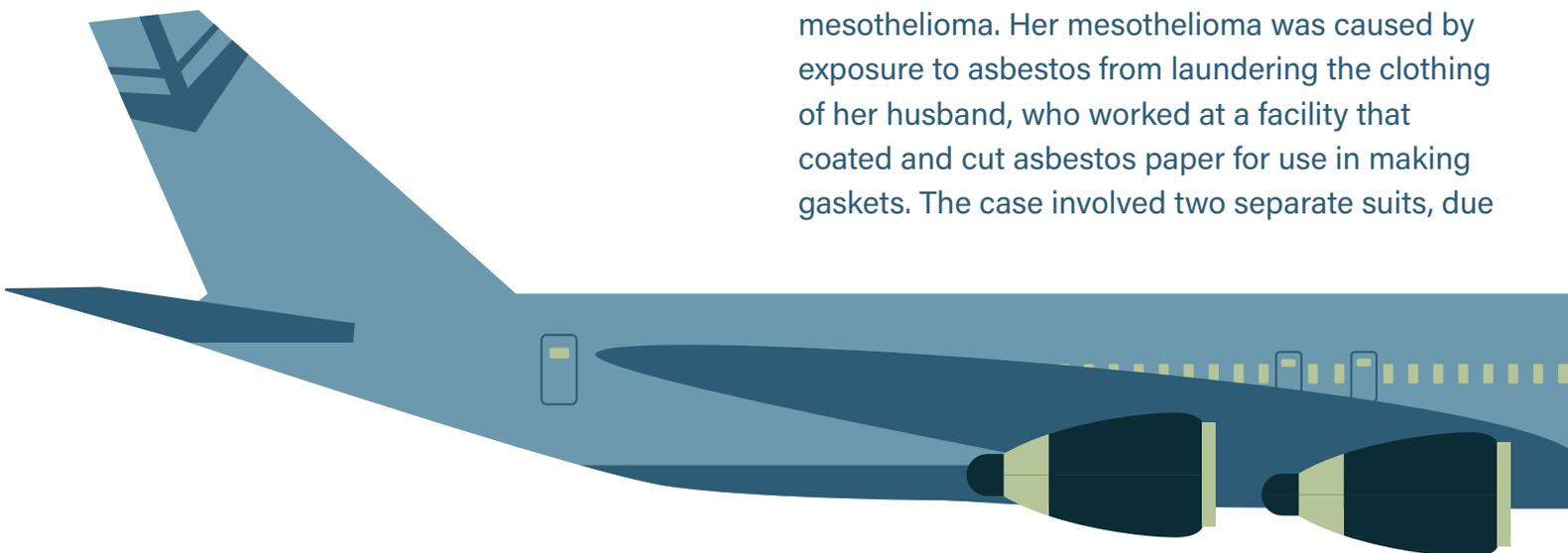
servicing heating systems at various residential and commercial locations. His exposure came from the heating system removal process which entailed: cutting the asbestos insulation, smashing boilers and/or furnaces into pieces, and sweeping the remaining asbestos debris from the work area after the job was complete. The attorneys at Shepard Law vigorously fought against the defendants to recover a significant six-figure settlement for their client.

ASBESTOS EXPOSURE-PAPER MILLS

Shepard Law successfully litigated a mesothelioma case on behalf of a high school principal who had worked for several summers as a laborer at a construction company in his youth. His job as a laborer took him into paper mills in Western Massachusetts where he was exposed to asbestos. The lawsuit involved a number of very complicated legal issues including premises liability. The case was ultimately resolved for a significant seven-figure settlement.

ASBESTOS EXPOSURE-SECOND-HAND EXPOSURE

Attorney Shepard and his firm successfully litigated the case of a woman who died of mesothelioma. Her mesothelioma was caused by exposure to asbestos from laundering the clothing of her husband, who worked at a facility that coated and cut asbestos paper for use in making gaskets. The case involved two separate suits, due



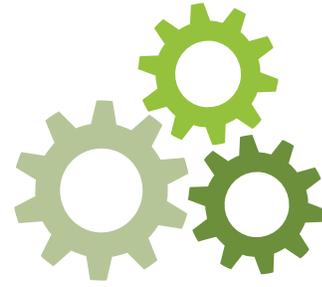
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to the late discovery of documents that identified additional suppliers of asbestos paper. The case was vigorously defended and involved extensive motion practice and numerous depositions. After all the factual and legal hurdles were cleared, the case settled for a significant seven-figure sum.

ASBESTOS EXPOSURE-CONSTRUCTION

Shepard Law successfully litigated the case of a construction foreman who was diagnosed with mesothelioma at the age of 74. His work in the construction industry exposed him to asbestos from the application of joint compound and the installation of ceiling tiles at many different commercial locations throughout New England and New York. The plaintiff also maintained a hobby of racing and working on many different automobiles and his work on the brakes, clutches, and gaskets of the automobiles that he raced during his free time also exposed him to large amounts of asbestos. The team at Shepard Law was able to resolve this case for a significant settlement prior to the start of trial.

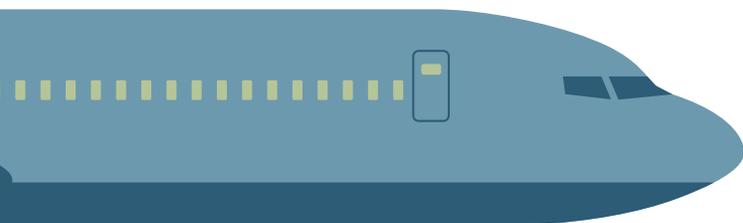
Shepard Law successfully litigated the case of an electrician who was exposed to asbestos from wiring, installing, removing, and upgrading electrical systems at various commercial and residential jobsites in the Greater Boston area. During his career, he was exposed to asbestos from installing and removing light fixtures,



MECHANICS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE REPAIR AND OVERHAUL OF AIRCRAFT BETWEEN THE 1930s AND 1990s WERE AT RISK OF EXPOSURE TO DANGEROUS ASBESTOS MATERIALS

fluorescent lights, breakers, switches, and electrical insulating materials. As an electrician, he also installed and removed wiring from boilers. He had to rip off the asbestos-containing external insulation in order to gain access to the wiring inside the boiler. As a result of his asbestos exposure, he suffered from mesothelioma. After a relentless fight, the Shepard Law team was able to recover a substantial six-figure settlement in this matter.

Shepard Law successfully litigated the case of a 66-year-old gentleman who spent the vast majority of his life in high school education, including a tenure as headmaster of a distinguished boarding school in Rhode Island before being diagnosed with mesothelioma. His asbestos exposure occurred during high school and college while he assisted as an apprentice insulator for his father's insulation contracting business. The team at Shepard Law was able to recover a significant seven-figure settlement from companies that specified the use of asbestos insulation on their products and at their facilities. This case involved extensive discovery and raised a number of challenging legal issues that Shepard Law was able to overcome to achieve this settlement.



MESOTHELIOMA FACTS

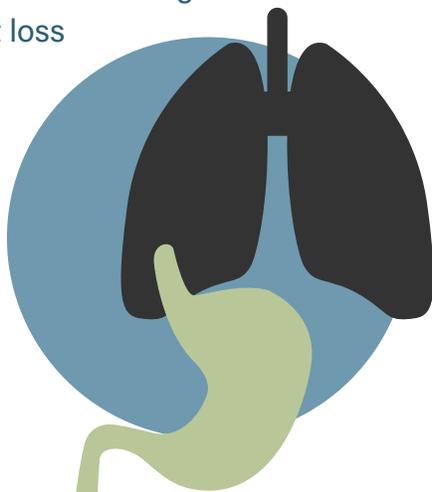
- > **MESOTHELIOMA IS CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS.**
- > **THERE ARE 4 TYPES OF MESOTHELIOMA: PLEURAL, PERITONEAL, PERICARDIAL AND TESTICULAR. PLEURAL IS THE MOST COMMON TYPE REPRESENTING ABOUT 75 PERCENT OF ALL MESOTHELIOMA CASES.**
- > **SYMPTOMS OF MESOTHELIOMA USUALLY DO NOT SHOW UNTIL 20-50 YEARS AFTER ASBESTOS EXPOSURE, WHICH IS WHEN TUMORS HAVE GROWN AND SPREAD.**
- > **THE AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR MESOTHELIOMA PATIENTS IS 12 TO 22 MONTHS.**

PLEURAL MESOTHELIOMA:

Mesothelioma that affects the lungs. The symptoms of this type of mesothelioma are due to the build-up of fluid within the pleura, the membrane that surrounds the lungs.

Symptoms of pleural mesothelioma:

- > Shortness of breath
- > Pain under the rib cage or chest
- > Mild to severe constant cough
- > Sudden weight loss
- > Nausea
- > Anemia
- > Mild or severe abdominal pain
- > Diarrhea or constipation



PERITONEAL MESOTHELIOMA:

Peritoneal mesothelioma affects the lining of the abdominal cavity. Symptoms of peritoneal mesothelioma:

- > Fluid build-up in the abdomen
- > Abdominal pain
- > Fullness in the abdomen
- > Bowel obstruction

PERICARDIAL MESOTHELIOMA:

Mesothelioma that affects the pericardium, the lining of the heart, and causes fluid build-up between the tissues of the heart and the lining. Symptoms of pericardial mesothelioma:

- > Mild to severe chest pain
- > Regular cough
- > Irregular heartbeat
- > Breathing pattern irregularities
- > Constant fatigue

TESTICULAR MESOTHELIOMA:

The rarest form of mesothelioma; occurs in less than 1% of all mesothelioma diagnoses.

Symptoms of testicular mesothelioma:

- Fluid build-up
- Abnormal lump inside scrotum
- Pain and swelling of the testes

The typical mesothelioma patient is a man older than 65 with a blue-collar or military background.

However, anyone with a history of asbestos exposure is at risk.

Occupations with Greatest Risk of Asbestos Exposure

- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Chemical Refining
- Power Generation
- Shipbuilding
- Military Service

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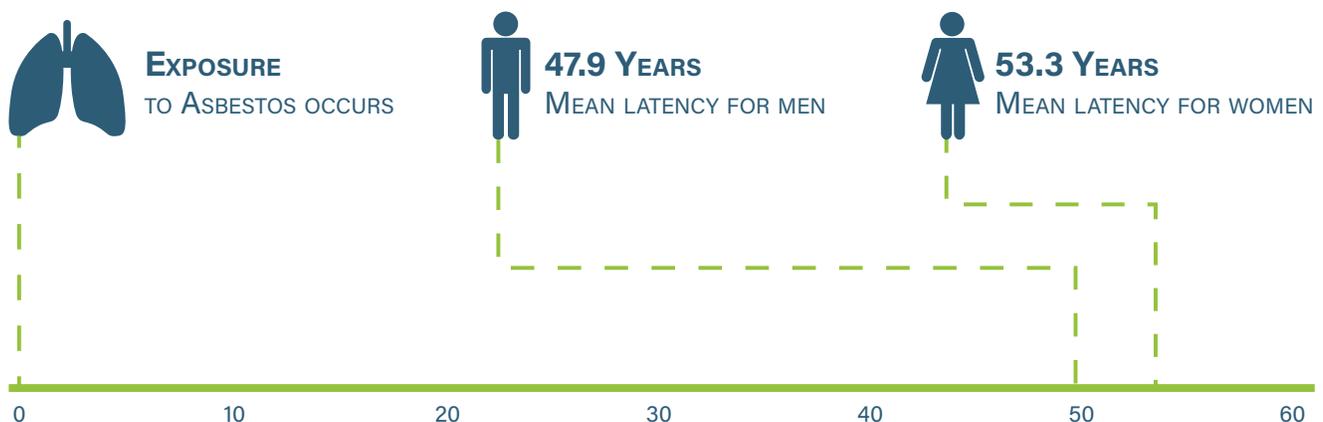
Because men are exposed to asbestos more often, they are 4.6 times more likely to be diagnosed with mesothelioma.

For people older than 60 years of age, the risk of developing the disease is 10 times higher than it is for people younger than 40.

DEATH TOLL OF MESOTHELIOMA

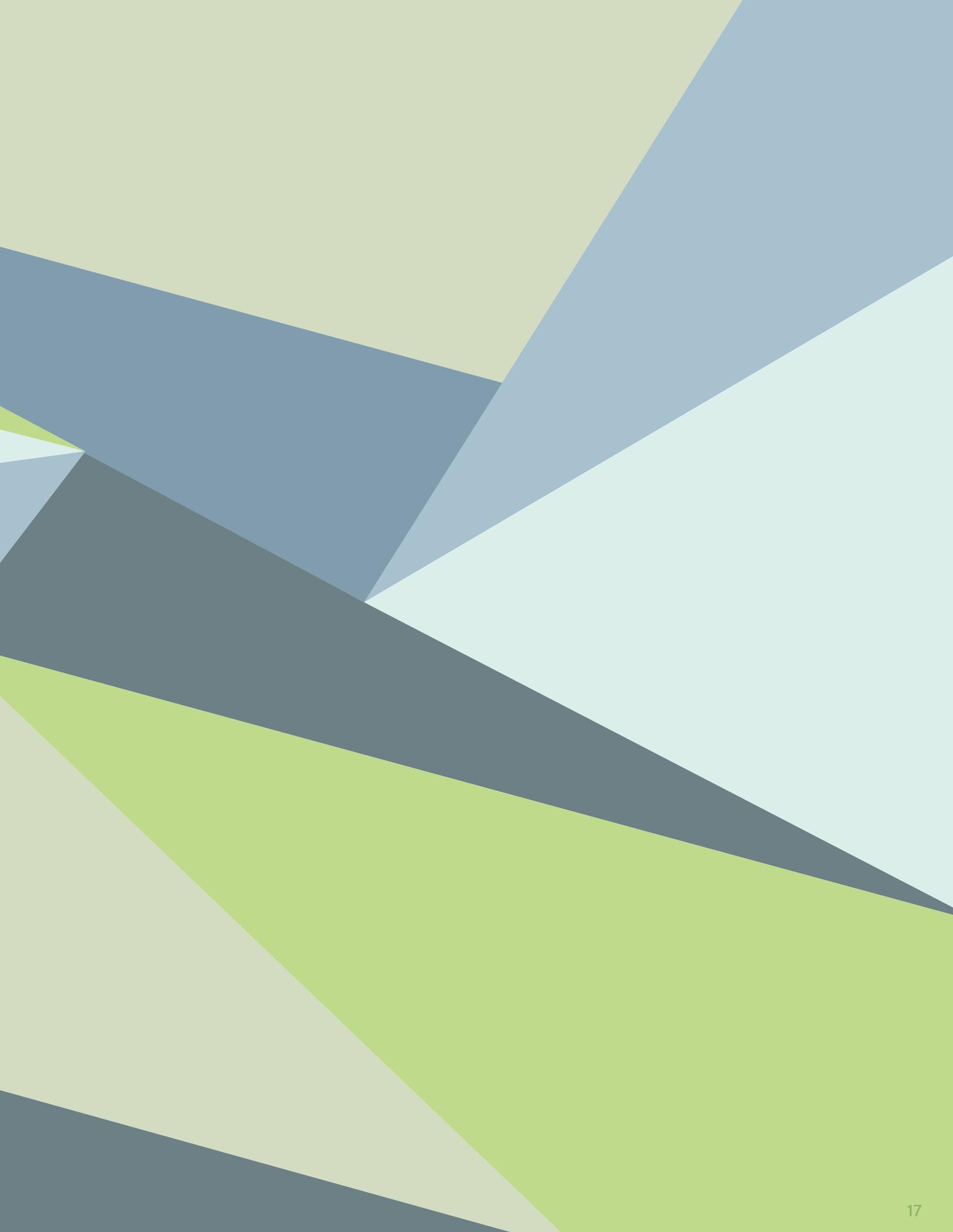
- From 1999 to 2015, a total of 45,221 Americans died from mesothelioma.
- Nearly 80 percent of those deaths occurred among men.
- About 37 percent of those who died were 75 to 84 years old.

DEMOGRAPHIC FACTORS IN MESOTHELIOMA



LATENCY PERIOD OF MESOTHELIOMA

The gap between the first exposure and the appearance of symptoms is called the latency period. Mesothelioma symptoms typically appear 20 to 50 years after exposure to asbestos.



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