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ASBESTOSIS

"Recent studies have convinced U. S. Public Health Service Specialists and other medical authorities that about 40% of all Americans have mild, chronic cases of asbestosis, even though most of them never worked directly with asbestos.

Furthermore says U.S.P.H.S. in the past thirty years, the asbestos-related cancer rate has increased sixfold.

While the average asbestos worker is well protected, the man on the street is not. The three by one micron asbestos fibers in his lungs can come from a variety of sources, that is i.e.:

Asbestos ducts and insulation in home central-heating plants.

Asbestos-lined ducts in centrally air-conditioned buildings.

Motor vehicle brake linings and clutch plates.

Auto undercoatings.

Asbestos ceiling and floor tiles

Asbestos shingle and floor tiles.

Asbestos shingles and sidings.

Construction and demolition.

Fitting, cutting and removing asbestos-filled wallboards and floorings, piping and insulation.

• Incineration of asbestos-filled scrap.

Improperly filtered effluent from asbestos processing plants.

American Cancer Society researchers feel certain that there is a synergistic relationship among airborne asbestos, smoking and lung cancer. The reason that the nondegradable hydrocarbon-soaked fibers may well be a constant source of lung irritation."

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