

Scleroderma, or systemic sclerosis, is a chronic systemic autoimmune disorder characterized by the hardening of the skin. While scleroderma is a skin disorder, in severe cases, it can cause the immune system to attack the healthy tissue below the skin and even the internal organs. For most people, treatment and recovery are long-term processes, and, in some cases, surgery is required.

Many veterans and other individuals have been diagnosed with scleroderma as a result of their exposure to the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina during the 50s, 60s, 70s, and 80s. Under a new law enacted in August 2022, these individuals now have a limited-time opportunity to file a Camp Lejeune water lawsuit and recover their financial and non-financial losses.

## **Scleroderma Has Been Linked to the VOCs in Camp Lejeune's Contaminated Water**

While the precise cause of scleroderma remains unknown, medical science has linked the condition to several types of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). These are contaminants that are emitted as gas from various military, commercial, and consumer products and that can exist in water or in the air.

Four types of VOCs linked to scleroderma were found in the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune: benzene, tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene, and vinyl chloride. This means that veterans, contractors, family members, and other individuals who were exposed to the contaminated water at Camp Lejeune through consumption or bathing may have developed scleroderma as a result. Thanks to the [Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022](#), these individuals now have a limited-time opportunity to hire a Camp Lejeune law firm to help them recover financial compensation for their medical bills, pain and suffering, and other losses.

## **Eligible Individuals Can Now File a Camp Lejeune Water Lawsuit for Scleroderma**

The Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 allows eligible individuals to file claims with the government to recover just compensation for scleroderma. To file a [Camp Lejeune water contamination claim](#), it is *not* necessary to prove that an individual's scleroderma is the result of exposure at Camp Lejeune. The Act entitles claimants to compensation as long as they can show that it is "at least as likely as not" that their condition is related to the VOCs in Camp Lejeune's contaminated water.

There are some other basic eligibility requirements as well. For example, claimants must be able to prove that they were at Camp Lejeune between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, and they must be able to prove that they were exposed to Camp Lejeune's contaminated water for at least 30 days. To ensure that you file your claim properly and seek the maximum compensation that is available, we strongly recommend that you hire a Camp Lejeune law firm to represent you.

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Our firm is representing veterans, contractors, family members, and other individuals in Camp Lejeune water lawsuits at no out-of-pocket cost. To discuss filing a claim for scleroderma in confidence, please call 800-662-1234 or [request a free consultation online](#) today.