



Shipyard Workers Exposed to Asbestos

Asbestos was a popular material within shipyards during the middle of the 20th century. From the 1940s through the 1970s in particular, asbestos was incorporated into nearly every aspect of shipbuilding. Favored for its fire and corrosive-resistant properties, asbestos was considered an ideal building material for ships. It was used to insulate hulls, pipes, incinerators and boilers and in materials such as gaskets, valves and cement throughout the ship.

The contained nature of ships meant that most workers aboard them were exposed to asbestos dust at some time. Workers who worked in tight spaces, such as boiler rooms and engine rooms, received even greater exposure. Many of these workers developed asbestos-related diseases such as mesothelioma, asbestosis and lung cancer.

Workers In Danger Of Developing Mesothelioma

Virtually every occupation at the shipyard was at risk of significant asbestos exposure, including pipe covers, shipwrights, pipe fitters, boiler workers, carpenters, engine room mechanics, electricians, insulators, maintenance mechanics, millwrights, sheet metal workers and welders.

Despite the fact that asbestos is no longer being used in the manufacture of ships, the material itself has not been completely eradicated from all ships. Shipyard workers remain at risk.

Representing Shipyard Workers For More Than 25 Years

The attorneys at Martin & Jones in Raleigh have extensive experience representing clients in asbestos litigation. We have represented shipyard workers in every aspect of shipbuilding for more than 25 years. If you have been diagnosed with mesothelioma or another cancer and you worked at a shipyard, schedule an appointment to discuss your options with a lawyer at Martin & Jones. We represent clients in [Raleigh](#), [Durham](#), North Carolina, and throughout the United States. You can reach our firm by calling 919-821-0005 or toll free at 800-662-1234, or you can use our online firm contact form.

Known Asbestos Exposure Shipyards In The United States

The following are some of the shipyards in the United States with known asbestos exposure:

Alabama

- Alabama Dry Dock & Shipbuilding Company – Mobile, AL
- Bender Shipbuilding – Mobile, AL
- Chickasaw Shipyard – Chickasaw Shipbuilding and Car Co. – Chickasaw, AL

Alaska

- Seward Ship's Drydock – Seward, AK

California

- Bethlehem Shipyard – San Pedro, CA

- Bethlehem Steel Shipyard – Terminal Island
- California Navy Shipyard – Terminal Island, CA
- Calship Shipyard – Terminal Island – Los Angeles Harbor, CA
- Consolidated Steel Shipyards
- Hunters Point Naval Shipyard – Bayview – Hunters Point – San Francisco, CA
- Kaiser Shipyard – Richmond, CA
- Long Beach Naval Shipyard – Long Beach, CA
- Mare Island Naval Shipyard – Vallejo, CA
- Marinship Shipyard – San Francisco Bay – Sausalito, CA
- Richmond Shipyard No. III – Henry J. Kaiser Shipyard – Richmond, CA
- San Diego Naval Shipyard – San Diego Bay – San Diego, CA
- San Francisco Drydock – San Francisco, CA
- Todd Shipyard – Los Angeles, CA
- Todd Shipyard – San Francisco, CA
- Vallejo Shipyard – Vallejo, CA

Connecticut

- Groton Electric Boat Company – Groton, CT
- Groton Naval Base – Groton, CT
- New London Naval Submarine Base – Groton, CT

Florida

- Atlantic Dry Dock – Atlantic Marine – Jacksonville, FL
- Derecktor Florida – Dania Cutoff Canal – Dania, FL
- Gulf Marine Repair Corporation – Tampa, FL
- Hendry Corporation – Tampa, FL
- J. A. Jones – Panama City, FL
- Mayport Naval Station – Mayport, FL

- Pensacola Naval Air Station – Pensacola, FL
- St. John’s River Shipbuilding – south of Jacksonville in Palatka, FL
- Tampa Bay Shipbuilding – Tampa, FL (now Tampa Ship, LLC)

Georgia

- J. A. Jones – Brunswick, GA
- Southeastern Shipbuilding Corporation – Savannah, GA

Hawaii

- Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard – Pearl Harbor, HI
- HSI Electric Boat – Sand Island – Honolulu, HI

Louisiana

- Avondale Shipyard – New Orleans, LA
- Bollinger Shipyards – Lockport, LA
- Conrad Industries, Inc. – Morgan City, LA
- Delta Shipbuilding – New Orleans, LA
- Martin Terminal – Leeville – Port Fourchon, LA

Maine

- Bath Iron Works – Bath, ME
- New England Shipbuilding – South Portland, ME
- Portsmouth Naval Shipyard – Kittery, ME

Maryland

- Baltimore Marine Industries – Sparrows Point, MD
- Bethlehem Shipbuilding – Sparrows Point, MD
- Bethlehem Fairfield Shipyard – Baltimore, MD

- General Ship Repair Corporation – Baltimore, MD
- Indian Head NSF – southern Maryland
- Key Highway Shipyard – Baltimore, MD
- Maryland Shipbuilding & Dry Dock – Baltimore, MD
- U.S. Coast Guard Yard – Curtis Bay – Baltimore, MD
- U.S. Naval Academy – Annapolis, MD

Massachusetts

- Bethlehem Shipyard – Hingham, MA
- Bethlehem Steel Company – Quincy, MA
- Boston Naval Shipyard – Charlestown, MA
- Charlestown Navy Yard – Charlestown, MA
- Fore River Shipyard – Braintree, MA
- Victory Yard – Squantum, MA

Michigan

- Defoe Shipbuilding Company – Bay City, MI

Mississippi

- Ingalls Shipbuilding – Pascagoula, MS

New Hampshire

- Portsmouth Naval Shipyard – Portsmouth, NH

New Jersey

- Federal Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company – Newark, NJ
- New York Shipbuilding Corporation – Camden, NJ

New York

- Bethlehem Steel Company – Staten Island, NY
- Brooklyn Navy Yard – Brooklyn, NY
- Caddell Dry Dock and Repair Company, Inc. – Staten Island, NY
- Derecktor New York – Mamaroneck, NY
- GMD Shipyard Corporation – Brooklyn Navy Yard – Brooklyn, NY
- Todd Shipyard – Brooklyn, NY

North Carolina

- North Carolina Shipbuilding Company – Wilmington, NC

Ohio

- American Ship Building Company – Lorain Shipyard – Cleveland, OH

Oregon

- Albina Shipyard – Albina Engine & Machine Works – Portland, OR
- Astoria Marine Construction – Astoria, OR
- Cascade General Shipyard – Portland, OR
- Commercial Iron & Steel Shipyard – Portland, OR
- Dyer Shipyard – Portland, OR
- Gunderson – FMC Shipyard – Portland, OR
- Kaiser Shipyard – Portland, OR
- Northwest Marine Ironworks – Portland, OR
- Oregon Shipbuilding – Portland, OR
- Portland Ship Repair Yard – Swan Island – Portland, OR
- South Portland Shipyard – Portland, OR
- Swan Island Shipyard – Portland, OR
- Willamette Iron & Steel Corporation – Portland
- Zidell Marine Corporation – Portland, OR

Pennsylvania

- American Bridge Company – Pittsburgh, PA
- Dravo Corporation – Pittsburgh, PA
- Philadelphia Navy Yard – Philadelphia, PA
- Sun Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company – Chester, PA

Rhode Island

- Newport Naval Yard – Goat Island – Newport, RI
- Quonset Point Electric Boat Facility – Quonset Point, RI

South Carolina

- Charleston Naval Shipyard – Detyens Shipyards, Inc. – Charleston, SC
- Port Royal Naval Station – Parris Island, SC

Texas

- American Bridge Shipyard – Orange, TX
- Brown Shipbuilding Company – Houston, TX
- Consolidated Steel Corporation – Orange, TX
- Galveston Docks – Galveston, TX
- Kane Shipbuilding & Boiler Works – Galveston, TX
- Naval Station Ingleside – Kingsville, TX
- Orange Shipbuilding – Orange, TX
- Pennsylvania Shipyard – Beaumont, TX
- Port Adams Shipyard – TX
- Todd Shipyard – Houston, TX

Virginia

- Colonna's Shipyard – Norfolk, VA
- Dahlgren Naval Support Facility – Dahlgren, VA
- Lyon Shipyard – Norfolk, VA
- Naval Amphibious Base – Little Creek, VA
- Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company – Newport News, VA
- Norfolk Naval Shipyard – Portsmouth, VA
- NORSHIPCO – now with BAE Systems – Norfolk, VA

Washington

- Bremerton Naval Shipyard – now part of Puget Sound – WA
- Duwamish Shipyard, Inc. – Seattle, WA
- Lake Union Drydock Company – Seattle, WA
- Lake Washington Shipyard – Houghton, WA
- Lockheed Shipyard – Seattle, WA
- Masco Shipyard – WA
- Puget Sound Naval Shipyard – Bremerton, WA
- Tacoma Boatbuilding – Tacoma, WA
- Todd Shipyard – Seattle, WA
- Todd Shipyard – Tacoma, WA

Washington, D.C.

- Washington Navy Yard – Washington, D.C.

U.S. Companies

- Atlantic Marine Shipyards – now part of BAE Systems
- Bollinger Shipyards, Inc.
- Conrad Industries, Inc.
- Ellicott Dredges

- National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO)