



Union Worker Diagnosed with Mesothelioma? Our North Carolina Asbestos Attorneys Explain Your Options

Like many working men and women, you may have been exposed to asbestos on the job without realizing it. In fact, many people who have been [diagnosed with mesothelioma](#) and other diseases related to asbestos exposure do not immediately know where they were exposed, as symptoms do not appear until years later. For nearly 40 years, the North Carolina asbestos attorneys at Martin & Jones have been helping union workers and others across the country identify when and where they were exposed to asbestos and obtain compensation from those responsible.

Working People and Asbestos Exposure

Asbestos-laden products were in common use at job sites throughout the country during the most of the 20th century. Hardworking people in the building trades – such as steelworkers, carpenters, insulators, pipefitters and others – not only have to worry about their own asbestos exposure while using these products, but they also have cause for concern about their loved ones. Workers often brought the dangerous substance home in the form of asbestos dust on their skin and clothing, resulting in many cases of family members of union workers developing with asbestos-related diseases years later.

The danger has not ended for workers or their families. Firefighters and other first responders are still at risk when they come in contact with burning or crumbling buildings built with asbestos.

Companies Knew the Risk

There is no doubt that many companies knew working with asbestos was dangerous. Still, putting profit before people, they opted to stay silent, allowing workers and their families to stay in harm's way. Most people who develop asbestos-related illnesses decades after exposure wonder if they can still hold these companies and other parties responsible. Usually, the answer is yes.

The North Carolina asbestos attorneys at Martin & Jones regularly represent union members from many trades and disciplines in pursuing claims against those responsible for their asbestos exposure. Below is a list of some of the unions.

- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
- Asbestos Workers
- Carpenters Union
- Electrical Workers' Union

- Firefighters Union
- Boilermakers Union
- UAW Furniture Manufacturing
- United Mine Workers of America
- Heat & Frost Insulators
- Laborers Union
- Bricklayers Union
- Cement Mason Union
- Fireman & Oilers Union
- Iron Workers Union
- Machinists Union
- Longshoreman's Union
- National Maritime Union
- Oil Chemical & Atomic Workers Union
- Brotherhood of Railway Union
- Plumbers & Pipefitters Union
- Roofers Union
- Sheet Metal Workers
- Textile Workers Union
- United Auto Workers
- United Steel Workers
- Pulp & Paper Workers Union
- Insulators Union
- International Brotherhood of Pipefitters
- Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical & Energy Workers (PACE)
- Cement and Gypsum Workers

Contact the North Carolina Asbestos Attorneys at Martin & Jones Today

If you or a family member worked in the trades and have been diagnosed with mesothelioma or another asbestos-related disease, it is important that you contact the North Carolina asbestos attorneys at Martin & Jones as soon as possible. We will discuss all of the legal and medical options that could be available to you in a free no-obligation consultation. Please call us at [1-800-662-1234](tel:1-800-662-1234) or [reach out to us online](#). We have offices in [Raleigh](#), [Durham](#) and [Wilmington](#).