

SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY ASBESTOS OR SILICA DISEASE

The diagnosis of a serious disease can be challenging. At first you may feel difficulty in coping, have a sense of disbelief or fear that you are suffering alone.

We offer individual support via phone or in person, as well as morning tea social groups.

We have a Care Coordinator who can help those affected by asbestos and silica-related diseases navigate their illness and treatment.

Contact us on 0455 120 588 for more information.

We lend a hand to hold, an ear to listen and a heart to understand.



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Care & Support

Living with an asbestos or silica related disease?

Support, awareness and advocacy for victims of asbestos or silica disease and their families



WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

Asbestos is a natural material commonly used in building materials until 1990. Many asbestos products have now reached the end of their lifespan, and the risks of exposure increase if the asbestos-containing material is disturbed or damaged.

Activities such as sawing, sanding, drilling or breaking up products containing asbestos can release the asbestos fibres that can be inhaled or ingested and will have an impact on your health.

WHAT IS SILICA?

Silica has been used in many commercial products. Silica dust is generated in high levels when workers cut, shape, or polish engineered stone.

Silicosis is a type of pulmonary fibrosis, a lung disease caused by breathing in tiny particles of silica. It mainly affects workers exposed to silica dust in jobs such as construction, mining and stonemasons.

It is important to protect yourself when working with either of these products.

A ban on engineered stone came into place in Australia from 1st July 2024.

HAVE YOU BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH AN ASBESTOS OR SILICA RELATED DISEASE?

Whether the diagnosis is mesothelioma, asbestosis, silicosis or pleural plaques, there will be an impact on your health.

Whatever the situation you will have questions – How serious is it? What does the future look like? Will it affect my day-to-day activities? If you have been told that your illness is life limiting, how will you manage the situation? Where can you go? What should you do? How do you tell your family and friends?

We have a Care Coordinator who can help those affected by asbestos or silica-related diseases navigate their illness and treatment. We can support you as you make necessary decisions based on your medical team's advice and treatment options.

Phone AVA on **0455 120 588**

to discuss how we can help.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REGIONAL PATIENTS

Do you have an asbestos related disease?

Do you need to travel to Adelaide for treatment or care? Do you require accommodation?

Through a benefactor's generosity, AVA can assist you and your family with the costs of travel and short-term accommodation while you are having treatment or care in Adelaide.

This could include overnight stays, petrol, taxi fares or similar. It does not include financial assistance for medical and legal expenses.

Contact us on **0455 120 588** to see whether you are eligible.

