## HOW MESOTHELIOMA DEVELOPS



## WHAT IS MESOTHELIOMA?

- Cancer of the **mesothelium** (surrounding tissues) of the **lungs and/or abdomen**
- Uniquely linked with asbestos exposure
- Develops 15-50 years after exposure
- Most common types are **pleural (lungs)** and **peritoneal (abdomen) mesothelioma**



## WHAT IS ASBESTOS?

- Naturally occurring fibrous mineral that is a recognized **carcinogen**
- Once valued as a **fire and chemical resistant material**, it was widely used in the construction, automotive, military, marine, and manufacturing industries
- When it is cut or crushed, the **fibers** can be inhaled or ingested

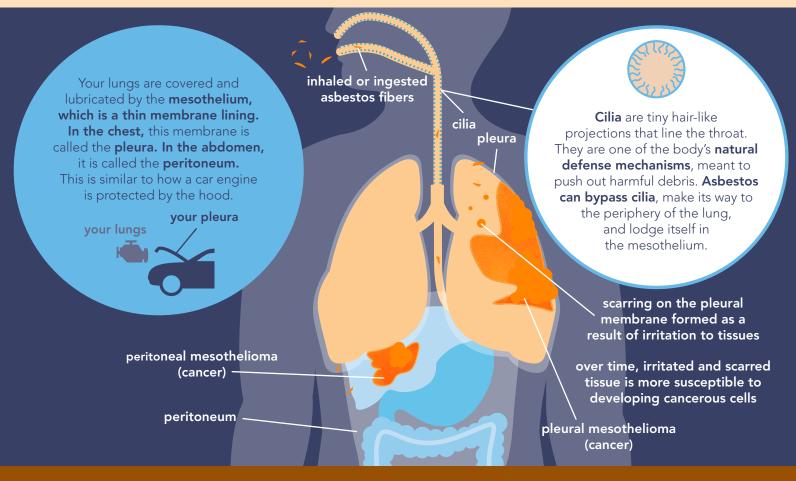


**HOW SMALL IS ASBESTOS?** 

2 grains 20,000 microscopic asbestos fibers

5 human hairs

If you have been diagnosed with mesothelioma, O'Brien Law Firm will provide a full case evaluation at no cost or obligation to you. Contact us today.



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