

Asbestos is a natural mineral product that is still mined today. It also can be found naturally in the environment in trace amounts through the air, soil, and water.



Today, asbestos is still used in automotive products like gaskets and brake pads, vinyl tile, and roofing products.



Asbestos related diseases have a long latency period. That means many of the people dying from mesothelioma today were exposed to asbestos in the 1960's and 1970's.



Asbestos poses a health risk when its fibers are released into the air and inhaled or digested. These fibers are too small to be seen by the naked eye.

Algeria	Czech Republic	Iceland	Malta	Serbia
Argentina	Denmark	Ireland	Mozambique	Seychelles
Australia	Egypt	Israel	Netherlands	Slovakia
Austria	Estonia	Italy	New Caledonia	Slovenia
Bahrain	Finland	Japan	Norway	South Africa
Belgium	France	Jordan	Oman	Spain
Brunei	Gabon	South Korea	Poland	Sweden
Bulgaria	Germany	Kuwait	Portugal	Switzerland
Chile	Greece	Latvia	Qatar	Turkey
Croatia	Honduras	Lithuania	Romania	United Kingdom
Cyprus	Hungary	Luxembourg	Saudi Arabia	Uruguay

Asbestos is banned in 55 countries worldwide, but not in the United States.



It wasn't until the early 1970's when the EPA and OSHA started regulating asbestos.

Asbestos was once common in many household products and often referred to as the "miracle fiber." It was used as fake snow in the *Wizard of Oz* (1939), in the scene where Dorothy and her companions began getting snowed on while lying unconscious in the poppy field, under a sleep spell by the Wicked Witch.