**Touch 3 – Theme: Other Asbestos Diseases**

**What is asbestos/who is at risk/other diseases video**

**FAQs** (we can tweak to match video content):

1. **What is asbestos?**Asbestos is a naturally-occurring mineral that is a recognized carcinogen. Because of its fire and chemical resistant properties, asbestos was widely used in the construction, automotive, military, marine, and manufacturing industries.
2. **Who is at risk for developing asbestos-related disease?**

There is no known safe level of exposure to asbestos. As a result, anyone who has inhaled or swallowed the fibers is at risk for developing mesothelioma or another asbestos-related disease. Workers who were exposed to asbestos for long periods of time, such as those in the construction, pipefitting, and plastering professions, have an increased risk of getting sick.

The risk extends beyond those who worked directly with or around asbestos. Take home or indirect exposure to asbestos is also a prevalent cause of mesothelioma and asbestos disease. For example, many cases have been reported of wives and children of workers in high-risk industries developing mesothelioma because they washed asbestos-laden work clothing or were in the room when work clothes were removed.

1. **How does exposure occur?**

When asbestos is cut or crushed, tiny fibers float in the air, allowing people to inhale or ingest them. They can remain in the air for long periods of time without detection.

Occupational exposure and indirect (take home) exposure are the most common ways people come into contact with asbestos.

1. **Besides mesothelioma, what are some other asbestos-related diseases?**

Asbestos-related diseases are caused by the tiny fibers that can build up in the lungs. One such disease is asbestosis, in which the lung because scarred. Another is lung cancer, which forms in the lung tissue.

**CTA** (pare down as needed!):

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I think we should emphasize how and why we are best suited to handle asbestos cases. Our knowledge of the disease + all the complexities of these cases. We take cases and thoroughly research them for the best possible result, unlike the national TV firms who focus only on meso cases.

* We handle complex cases, including lung cancer and asbestosis. Some of the issues that we handle with each asbestos referral we accept:
  + Numerosity of defendants – 80+ per case on average
  + Tracing the source of disease from numerous products made by multiple manufacturers containing different types of asbestos
  + Navigating the complex asbestos bankruptcy trust system
  + Byzantine corporate successorships
  + Different defendants who may be held liable for the same product over different time periods, based upon production dates, indemnity agreements, and more
  + Companies which have changed names, diversified, been bought and sold, or have moved abroad
  + Frequent trial and appellate court rulings from across the nation impacting local asbestos litigation

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* We don’t turn away complicated cases. Our team works to insure each client receives the best possible outcome. We thoroughly research and discuss work history, to pinpoint the where and how of their exposure.
* We work with unions to educate their members…