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What are work-related lung diseases?

Work-related lung diseases are lung problems that are caused by certain work environments. They are caused by breathing materials into the lungs. These lung diseases may have lasting effects, even after the exposure ends.

Particles in the air from many sources cause these lung problems. These sources include factories, smokestacks, exhaust, fires, mining, construction, and agriculture.

- **Asbestosis.** This is caused when a person breathes in tiny asbestos fibers. Over time, this leads to lung scarring and stiffening of the lungs.



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