

The Deadly Toll of Asbestos

30 million

Tons of asbestos mined throughout the world in the last century

27.5 million

American workers exposed to asbestos between 1940 and 1979

10 million

Deaths predicted from worldwide epidemic of asbestos-related disease

3 million

Compensation claims expected for American workers exposed to asbestos

2 million

Tons of asbestos still being mined and shipped around the world each year

1 million

American workers still exposed to asbestos each year on the job

733,000

Public buildings in US that contain potentially dangerous asbestos material

79,000

Asbestos fibers per square centimeter in dust from World Trade Center

10,000

US deaths each year from asbestos-related disease

5000

Rescue workers in New York City with chronic respiratory problems since 9/11

3000

Manufactured products still on the market containing asbestos

1000

Tons of asbestos contained in the World Trade Center towers

61

US companies that declared bankruptcy to avoid asbestos liability

0

Number of asbestos fibers recognized as safe, according to EPA standard