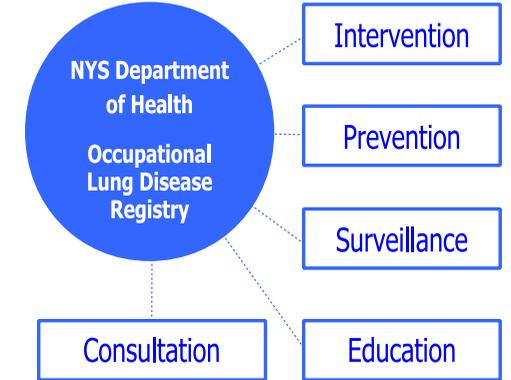




When is a disease considered “occupational”?

A workplace exposure can either be the **cause**, a **contributing factor** or an **aggravating factor** in the development of a lung disease. Identifying the correct etiology of the illness can facilitate formulation of the diagnosis, and assist in the correction of a hazardous work environment.



Who must report?

Under Part 22.4 of the State Sanitary Code, every physician, health care facility and clinical laboratory in attendance on a person with clinical evidence of occupational lung disease shall report such occurrence to the New York State Department of Health within 10 days of diagnosis.

Information reported is subject to the confidentiality provisions of the Public Health Law.

Employers will only be contacted if the patient agrees or if confidentiality can be maintained.

What diseases are reportable?

Under the authority of the Public Health Law, **all** occupational lung diseases are reportable, including:

- Asbestosis/Asbestos-related Disease
- Occupational Asthma (which includes Reactive Airways Dysfunction Syndrome)
- Silicosis
- Occupational Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis
- Berylliosis
- Byssinosis
- Coal Workers Lung Disease
- Hard Metals Disease
- Occupational Bronchitis
- Other Occupational Lung Disease

How to report?

You may report a case to the Occupational Lung Disease Registry in three ways:

by phone: 1-866-807-2130

by fax: 518-402-7909

by mail:
Occupational Lung
Disease Registry
NYS Department of Health
Flanigan Square
547 River Street, Room 230
Troy, NY 12180

If you suspect there is an association between the disease and the workplace, you should report the disease.

What does the Registry do?

Information is collected to identify workplaces and industries where exposures may cause lung disease among the employees. Program staff educate employees about appropriate work practices and protection. Program industrial hygiene staff work with both employers and employees, to assist them in preventing workplace exposures. Educational information about exposure and prevention is provided to health care providers.

Additional Contacts:

NYS Occupational Health Clinic Network

The New York State Network of Occupational Health Clinics provides medical and education services for workers exposed to workplace hazards.

Albany/Poughkeepsie

Occupational & Environmental Health
Center of Eastern New York
(518) 690-4420 or (800) 419-1230

Buffalo

Union Occupational Health Center
(716) 894-9366

Cooperstown

New York Center for Agricultural
Medicine and Health
(607) 547-6023 or (800) 343-7527

Long Island

L.I. Occupational and Environmental
Health Center
(631) 642-9100

New York City/Health and Hospitals Corporation

Bellevue/NYU Occupational and
Environmental Medicine Clinic
(212) 562-4572

New York City/Mt. Sinai

I.J. Selikoff Center for Occupational and
Environmental Medicine
(212) 987-6043 (Manhattan)
(718) 278-2736 (Queens)
(914) 964-4737 (Yonkers)

Rochester

Finger Lakes Occupational Health
Services
(585) 274-4554 or (800) 925-8615

Syracuse/Binghamton/Utica

Central New York Occupational Health
Clinical Center
(315) 432-8899

Additional information and physician reporting forms can be found at:

[www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/
lung/lung.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/lung/lung.htm)

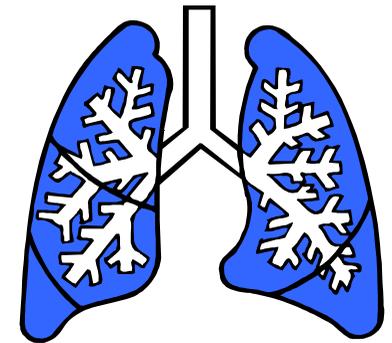


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**Occupational lung disease is the number one work-related illness in the United States. Lung diseases are caused by exposure to irritating, allergenic or toxic substances. In New York State, Occupational Lung Diseases are reportable to the New York State Department of Health
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