

Notifiable occupational diseases

OHS information for physicians and other health care professionals

This information is to inform physicians and other health care professionals of their responsibilities for reporting notifiable diseases under Alberta's *Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act*.

Key information

- You must notify an OHS Director of Medical Services of any person affected with or suffering from a notifiable disease in writing within seven days.
- This notification is separate from WCB requirements for reporting workplace injuries.

Notifying an OHS Director of Medical Services

The *OHS Act* states that a physician or other health care professional must notify an OHS Director of Medical Services of any persons affected with or suffering from a notifiable disease that you believe relates to an occupational exposure.

Notification must be in writing and provided within seven days.



The notification must include:

- the name and address of the patient
- the name of the employer and place of employment
- the name of the notifiable disease

Use the notification form at the end of this bulletin to report notifiable occupational diseases.



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The Alberta OHS Regulation lists the following as notifiable occupational diseases:

- asbestos related disease
 - asbestosis
 - mesothelioma
 - asbestos-induced lung cancer
 - asbestos-induced laryngeal cancer
 - asbestos-induced gastrointestinal cancer
 - any other kind of asbestos-induced cancer
- coal worker's pneumoconiosis
- silicosis
- elevated blood lead level, that is, a worker's blood lead level greater than 0.5 micromoles per litre ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)
- noise-induced hearing loss



Contact us

OHS Contact Centre

(Complaints, questions, reporting serious incidents)

Anywhere in Alberta

- 1-866-415-8690

Edmonton & area

- 780-415-8690

Deaf or hearing impaired:

- 1-800-232-7215 (Alberta)
- 780-427-9999 (Edmonton)

Online Reporting Service

(PSIs, mine or mine site incidents)

psi.labour.alberta.ca

Website

alberta.ca/OHS

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Occupational Health and Safety

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Notifiable Occupational Disease Notification Form

Section 47 of Alberta's *Occupational Health and Safety Act* requires a physician or other health care professional to notify the Director of Medical Services within seven days after the diagnosis of a notifiable disease or becoming aware of the diagnosis. Complete this form and send to:

Director of Medical Services, Alberta Labour and Immigration

Email: LBR.OHSMedicalUnit@gov.ab.ca

Fax: 780-643-9264

Mail: 8th Floor, Labour Building, 10808-99 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 0G5

Worker information	
Name	
Address	
Name of employer(s) when exposure occurred	
Name of employer at date of notification	

Notifiable disease (check where applicable)	
Asbestos related	asbestosis mesothelioma asbestos-induced lung cancer asbestos-induced laryngeal cancer asbestos-induced gastrointestinal cancer any other kind of asbestos-induced cancer (specify)
Coal dust related	coal worker's pneumoconiosis
Silica related	silicosis
Lead related	blood lead level above 0.5 µmol/L (blood lead level _____µmol/L)
Noise related	noise-induced hearing loss
Comments (please attach additional documentation if required)	

Physician/health care professional's name _____
Professional designation _____
Signature _____
Telephone Number _____ Date _____