

Resources for Activists - Asbestos: Medical and Legal Aspects (5th edition)

Also known as the asbestos health-effects bible, Barry Castleman's authoritative 894-page tome painstakingly documents what asbestos does to people who are exposed to it, and how the companies that mined and fabricated asbestos concealed knowledge of those health effects for decades on end.

As knowledge about asbestos disease and the legal responsibility for it has grown, so has the need for a new edition, to replace that of 1996. The extensive updates in the new edition make it about 20 percent longer than its predecessor.

New additions to this edition include a section on international asbestos struggle in recent years, co-authored by Laurie Kazan-Allen of International Ban Asbestos Secretariat, a 30-page chapter on the lax enforcement of OSHA asbestos regulations in the 1970s and 1980s, and new information about the oil industry's longstanding recognition of asbestos as carcinogen and their failure to acknowledge the prevalence of asbestos-related cancer among their employees.

Asbestos: Medical and Legal Aspects is available from Aspen Publishers for \$175.

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