

The History of Asbestos in the UK

Asbestos Uses and Regulations Timeline



1906

First documented Asbestos Death

1924

The death of Nellie Kershaw, English textile worker, the first published case of Asbestosis



1930

Merewether Report



1967

UK imports of asbestos peaked Mesothelioma Register and Asbestos Registers established

1968

British Occupational Hygiene Society proposed safety limits

1970

Voluntary ban on UK imports of raw crocidolite (blue asbestos) Asbestos workers morbidity and mortality survey established

1980

Voluntary ban on UK imports of raw amosite (brown asbestos)

1985

Asbestos (Prohibitions) Amendment Regulations

1988

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1994

Statistical Supplement to the Annual Report of the HSC

1996

Robin Howie et al. Releases a report showing RPE supplied for protection against asbestos was vastly inferior to manufacturers claims when used in the 'real world'

1999

Dangerous Substance Directive (EC) Amended

2002

Fairchild v Glenhaven Funeral Services Case

2003

PARS Ltd was founded. Ensuring that Asbestos is removed and disposed of in an ethical and cost effective manner, in accordance with HSE Regulations

2006

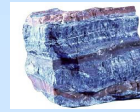
Baker v Corus case

2011

Supreme Court – Diane Willmore and Enid Costello

2012

Supreme Court



Blue asbestos (Crocidolite)



White asbestos (Chrysotile)



Brown asbestos Amosite

1931

Asbestos Industry Regulations

1960

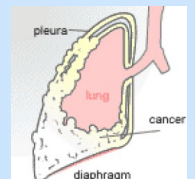
Ship building and Ship Repairing Regulations

1965

Newhouse & Thompson Publish 'Mesothelioma of Pleura and Peritoneum following the exposure to Asbestos in the London Area' establishing the links between cancers and asbestos deaths away from the manufacturing process

1969

Asbestos Regulations



1972

First successful personal injury claim

1983

Asbestos (Licensing) Regulations

1987

Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations



1992

Control of Asbestos at Work (Amendment) Regulations Asbestos (Prohibitions) Regulations replaced the 1985 Regulations

1995

Prof. Julian Peto et al. Report published showing asbestos deaths were increasing at an alarming rate. 25% of deaths were away from manufacturing industries i.e. Carpenters, plumbers and other trades.

1998

Asbestos (Licensing) Amendment regulations Control of Asbestos at Work (Amendment) Regulations

1999

Asbestos (Licensing) amendment regulations. Final Comprehensive ban on asbestos

2002

Introduces Duty to Manage in recognition of the failure of employers to safely manage asbestos

2006

Control of Asbestos Regulations Introduction of the Compensation Act

2010

Merchant Shipping & Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work Asbestos Regulations 2010)

