

A VERY  
SPECIAL REPORT  
INCLUDING BONUS CHECKLIST

# SILICOSIS

ONE OF MANKIND'S OLDEST  
OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES



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WHAT YOU **NEED** TO KNOW AND WHY YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION

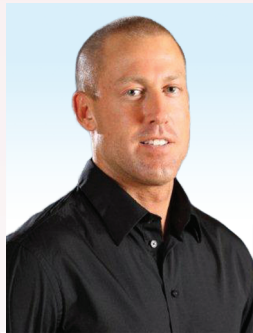
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## INTRODUCTION

### Who is behind this report and why should I listen?

I want to thank you for requesting this special report. I think this information will help you in your quest to obtain the best possible result in your Silicosis injury case.



John Page

Hello, my name is John Page and I am a Missouri personal injury attorney in St. Louis. I represent individuals who are suffering from Silicosis, a fatal occupational disease that attacks lung tissue.

I only represent personal injury victims. So if you need a will or you have a traffic ticket, I can't help you.

I represent people that have been injured by the negligence of others. I also represent families in wrongful death cases when they lose a loved one in an accident or due to some other form of negligence.

While each case is different, and past results cannot be used to predict future results, I can tell you that I have been privileged to help my clients and their families recover millions of dollars as compensation for the hurt and pain they suffer.

I have written this report so consumers could have good solid information before hiring an attorney to deal with the insurance company. There are a lot of books you could buy or internet sites that you can visit which have great information. But, I wanted you to have this valuable information right now, for free to read in the comfort of your own home or office.

I work on cases with a variety of experts in the fields of pathology, trauma, and neurology to name a few. I make sure our clients' cases are properly and completely prepared for settlement or trial in an expeditious, yet thorough manner.

Representing personal injury victims is one of the most challenging, yet rewarding areas in the practice of law. I actively handle every aspect of the litigation process from client intake through trial. I have represented personal injury victims living all over the country.

I am a member of the Missouri Bar, Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys, American Association

for Justice, American Trial Lawyers Association, Association of Plaintiff Interstate Trucking Lawyers of America, and the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. In addition, I have been honored with Martindale Hubbell's AV Peer Review Rating. This is the highest rating a lawyer can achieve from his/her peers.

I enjoy what I do a lot. I do not simply "handle" cases. I set a limit on the number of cases I accept so that every client receives the personal and proper attention he or she deserves. I take great pride in representing real people with real problems on an individual basis.

### Why A Free Special Report?

I am tired of large insurance companies taking advantage of personal injury victims. It irritates me to death that insurance companies immediately contact injury victims before the injured person has a chance to speak with an attorney.

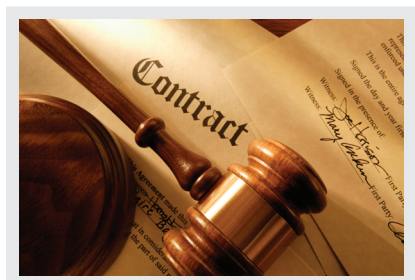
I recently went through the claims process for myself. It was unbelievable the things the insurance company tried to do. They had no clue I was lawyer and they handled the case as if I was a layman. They were really nice up front, then they turned sneaky, and finally just plain mean.

For years one major insurance company (who shall go unnamed here) encouraged injury victims to not hire an attorney. Hmmm. Why would an insurance company encourage people to not get a lawyer? I believe the answer is self evident.

It's almost never in the financial best interest of the insurance company to have accident victims receive competent legal advice!

While you may not need an attorney to represent you in every situation, you should at least have some basic facts at your disposal to help you decide whether or not you need professional legal representation.

Most attorneys require you to make an appointment to get the information that you have here. Some others pressure you to sign a contract before they will answer basic questions. I believe you should have this information right now, and without any pressure.



The hiring of an attorney to represent you is an important step that should not be taken lightly, nor done under pressure. Frankly, this method of providing information also saves me a lot of time on the phone each day. Writing this report gives me a chance to tell you what you need to know so that you can make an informed decision about what steps to take.

I want you to be educated about the process and possible pit falls so that you don't fall victim to an unscrupulous adjuster or insurance company. I see it all the time.

Please, do not take the contents of this report as a substitute for legal advice.

Each case is different with subtle complexities and nuances. It's beyond the scope of this document to take every possible consideration into account. I am not in the position to give you legal advice until I have accepted your case in writing and have had the chance to learn all the facts pertinent to your specific situation.

I hope you find this special report helpful and informative! If you have any questions going forward after you have read this report, please feel free to call me on my cell phone 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (314) 322-8515.

## What is Silicosis?

**Silicosis, also known as Potter's rot, is a form of occupational lung disease caused by inhalation of crystalline silica dust, and is marked by inflammation and scarring in forms of nodular lesions in the upper lobes of the lungs. It is a type of pneumoconiosis, from pneumo (lung) and konis (dust).**

Silicosis (particularly the acute form) is characterized by shortness of breath, cough, fever, and cyanosis (bluish skin). It may often be misdiagnosed as pulmonary edema (fluid in the lungs), pneumonia, or tuberculosis.

The name silicosis (from the Latin silex, or flint) was originally used by Visconti in 1870. The recognition of respiratory problems from breathing in dust dates to ancient Greeks and Romans. Agricola, in the mid-1500s, wrote about lung problems from dust inhalation in miners. In 1713, Bernardino Ramazzini noted asthmatic symptoms and sand-like substances in the lungs of stone cutters.

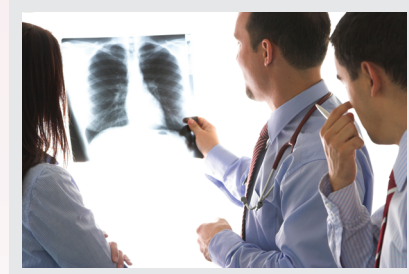


With industrialization, as opposed to hand tools, came increased production of dust. The pneumatic hammer drill was introduced in 1897 and sandblasting was introduced in about 1904, both significantly contributing to the increased prevalence of silicosis.

## Types of Silicosis

**Workers may develop any of three types of silicosis, depending on the concentration of airborne silica:**

- Chronic silicosis, which usually occurs after ten or more years of exposure to crystalline silica at relatively low concentrations.
- Accelerated silicosis which results from exposure to high concentrations of crystalline silica and develops five to ten years after the initial exposure.
- Acute silicosis, which occurs where exposure concentrations are the highest and can cause symptoms to develop within a few weeks to four or five years after the initial exposure.



## Silicosis Symptoms and Side Effects of Silicosis Lung Disease

**Early stages of silicosis may go unnoticed. Continued exposure to silica dust may result in shortness of breath while exercising, possible fever and occasionally bluish skin at the ear lobes or lips. Silicosis can make a person more susceptible to infectious diseases of the lungs, such as tuberculosis. Progression of silicosis leads to fatigue, extreme shortness of breath, loss of appetite, pains in the chest, and respiratory failure, which may cause death.**

Medical evaluations of silicosis victims usually show the lungs to be filled with silica crystals and a protein material. Pulmonary fibrosis (fibrous tissue in the lung) may or may not develop in acute cases of silicosis depending on the time between the exposure and the onset of symptoms. Furthermore, evidence indicates that crystalline silica is a potential occupational carcinogen.

## Are You at Risk?

It is generally recognized that people working in the following industries have the greatest risk of being exposed to silica dust and contracting silicosis:

- Construction
- Mining - Tunneling

- Sandblasting
- Stone Crushing
- Rock Quarries Work- Rock Drilling
- Masonry - Cement Work
- Foundry Workers, Sand Mold Shakeout
- Demolition
- Sandblast Dust Exposure to other Non-Sandblasters in work area
- Cutting or manufacturing heat-resistant bricks (Fire Brick)
- Manufacturing of glass products
- Railroad construction
- Plumbing
- Painting

## Silicosis Injury Help – Lawsuits, Compensation & Your Legal Rights

**If you or a loved one have been diagnosed with silicosis or you believe that due to your employment that you have been exposed to free silica dust, then call me to discuss what can be done to protect your legal rights and whether or not you have a possible silicosis based lawsuit.**

Often our clients do not know when or where they were exposed to the silica dust. However after careful investigation and discussions with the worker about their job history, work duties and the types of products and materials that they worked with, the workers often are able to discover and understand their silica exposure history. Sometimes due to health reasons, it becomes necessary to enlist the help of former co-workers to help uncover the exposure history.



All silicosis cases are handled on a contingency fee contract, which means that there will be no attorneys' fees unless we make a recovery for the client.

I know how to explore why and how your silicosis developed. Working with industry experts and other medical experts, I can evaluate the facts of your case and advise you how to proceed.

## SPECIAL 16 POINT BONUS CHECKLIST

### How do you know if you have found the right attorney?

Here is a list of 16 vital questions you must ask any attorney you meet with before you hire them.

1. Ask if they have information like this report or a website. If not, why not?
2. The most important qualification an attorney can have is experience dealing with the type of case you have. The real estate attorney does not practice personal injury law full-time and vice versa. Ask the attorney how much experience he or she has handling personal accident cases.
3. Beware of unknown attorneys that contact you in writing immediately after your accident. "How busy can they be when they are chasing me for my business?"
4. Will the attorney you meet with be handling your case on a day-to-day basis or will it be handed off to an assistant?
5. Can the attorney be reached outside of normal office hours? If so how?
6. How quickly does the attorney return your calls on average?
7. If the attorney appears in court on my behalf, when am I notified as to the outcome of the proceedings? If so, how? (by phone, in writing, e-mail etc.)
8. How often will I receive updates about the status of my case?
9. What types of cases does the attorney typically handle?
10. Will I have to call my attorney to get updates or do they have a schedule to keep me regularly informed automatically?
11. How many cases does each attorney in the firm handle?
12. Are you trial attorneys? Have you participated in jury selection?
13. When was your last jury trial?
14. What was the last case you settled? How much?
15. Why is my case worth your time and effort?
16. Can you recommend an attorney I can get a second opinion from? If your attorney can't give you the name of another attorney, are they truly confident in their own abilities?

I hope you have found this report helpful.

*All the best wishes!*

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affected by Silicosis, call:

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