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Dear Jessica,

Most people know asbestos is a serious health hazard. But what might surprise many is how prevalent it still is today despite years of dire health warnings and the continued risk of exposure in schools, businesses and homes. This month, the latest.



## THE DOCKET /

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### *“You Should Know” Risk and Prevention Guide*

## Asbestos: Lethal and Still a Threat to All Americans

Backpack: check.

Pencils: check

Respirator: ???

Two years ago, the Ocean View School District in Orange County, California, was forced to [close multiple schools](#) and bus 1,600 students to temporary classrooms when asbestos was discovered during a modernization project. The

cost of the asbestos abatement project, combined with the cost of bussing students to other schools, as well as lost state revenue due to parents who pulled their children out of the district, topped \$15 million.

Asbestos remains a widespread hazard. Nearly all U.S. schools built between the 1940s and the 1970s contain asbestos. According to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), any building constructed before 1981 is [presumed to contain asbestos](#).

How do you identify and prevent possible asbestos poisoning in your schools, workplace and home?

[Find out here >>>](#)



*Asbestos is found in thousands of U.S. schools. [Learn more.](#)*

## BY THE NUMBERS /

### 125 million Exposed

The World Health Organization estimates that about 125 million people worldwide are [exposed to asbestos](#) at work.

### 15,000 Deaths

According to the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), 15,000 U.S. [citizens die](#) from asbestos-related diseases each year.

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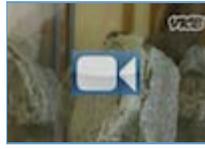
### More on Protecting Yourself from Uninsured Drivers

This article on our website gives more detail about one of the most important overlooked items of auto insurance coverage: protecting yourself from uninsured and underinsured drivers who injure you or your family members. The good news is that this coverage is not expensive. [Continue reading.](#)

# 8 million Pounds

More than eight million pounds of asbestos has been imported into the United States over the last decade.

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### Asbestos Industry Still Alive and Well

Even though asbestos is banned in 59 countries, 2 million pounds of the toxic substance is still exported every year. [View video.](#)



### Three Schools in One District Test Positive for Asbestos Exposure

Three schools in Huntington Beach, California, were shut down for high levels of exposure, putting 1,600 students at risk and without a school to attend. [View video.](#)



### One Man's Fight With Mesothelioma

*The Wall Street Journal* spent a year with Texas surgeon and veteran Brian McQueen as his health deteriorated from mesothelioma caused by asbestos exposure. [View video.](#)



### Odds, Ends and More

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