



Asbestos-related disease

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Directions: Determine the correct answer to each of the following, based on information derived from the article.

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- 1. *Asbestos* refers to six synthetic fibers used for a variety of commercial purposes.
- 2. Although mesothelioma is a grave health threat, individuals who are smokers have a higher risk of developing cancer than individuals exposed to asbestos.
- 3. The correlation between lung cancer and exposure to asbestos was an early indicator of the latter's harmful effects on human beings.
- 4. Individuals who are construction workers have a higher risk of exposure to asbestos and having an asbestos-related disease.
- 5. Asbestos is highly flammable and must be kept away from sources of heat.
- 6. *Legacy asbestos* refers to asbestos that—before the extent of its danger to health was fully realized—was used in buildings that are still standing.
- 7. Asbestos fibers are not visible and cannot be detected by the other senses.
- 8. Mesothelioma is generally more difficult to diagnose and treat than lung cancer.
- 9. Mesothelioma is a nonmalignant but fatal respiratory disease that is almost always caused by exposure to asbestos.
- 10. The length of time between exposure to asbestos and developing an asbestos-related disease is often several decades.
- 11. Exposure to asbestos can cause lung cancer and noncancerous diseases such as asbestosis and pleural effusion.
- 12. Asbestos usually degrades after 80 years.
- 13. Shortness of breath is a symptom of many, but not all, asbestos-related diseases.

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- 14. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has banned all use of asbestos in the country.
- 15. Modern medical treatments can reverse some of the damage done to the lungs by asbestos exposure.
- 16. Natural disasters that damage or destroy buildings can increase the risk of exposure to asbestos.

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