

# Notifiable Occupational Diseases

## OHS information for physicians

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This information is intended to remind physicians of their responsibilities for reporting notifiable diseases under Alberta's *Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act*.

When a physician determines a person is affected by or is suffering from a notifiable disease, the physician shall notify a Director of Medical Services in writing of the name, address and place of employment of that person and the name of the notifiable disease. The attached notification form may be used as a template.

Notifiable occupational diseases include:

- (a) asbestosis;
- (b) mesothelioma;
- (c) asbestos-induced lung cancer;
- (d) asbestos-induced laryngeal cancer;
- (e) asbestos-induced gastrointestinal cancer;
- (e.1) any other kind of asbestos-induced cancer;
- (f) coal worker's pneumoconiosis;
- (g) silicosis;
- (h) elevated blood lead level, that is, a worker's blood lead level greater than 0.5 micromoles per litre ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$ ); and
- (i) noise-induced hearing loss.
  - Please note that noise-induced hearing loss should be medically diagnosed as being noise-induced. This is defined as the average hearing threshold level at 1000 Hz, 2000 Hz, and 3000 Hz exceeds 35 dB bilaterally, and where the audiogram appearance is consistent with the effects of noise on hearing.

#### Key Points

- Notify a Director of Medical Services in writing of any person affected with or suffering from a notifiable disease within seven days.
- This report is separate from WCB requirements for reporting workplace injuries.

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## Notifiable Disease Notification Form

Section 22 of Alberta's *Occupational Health and Safety Act* requires a physician to notify the Director of Medical Services within 7 days of diagnosing a person affected by, or suffering from, one or more of the notifiable diseases. This form should be completed and forwarded to:

Director of Medical Services, Alberta Labour

Email: [LBR.OHSMedicalUnit@gov.ab.ca](mailto:LBR.OHSMedicalUnit@gov.ab.ca)

Fax: 780-643-9264

Mail: 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Labour Building, 10808-99 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 0G5

<b>Worker Information:</b>	
Name:	
Address:	
Name of employer(s) when exposure occurred:	
Name of employer at date of notification:	
<b>Notifiable Disease</b> (check where applicable):	
Asbestos Related	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestosis <input type="checkbox"/> Mesothelioma <input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos-Induced Cancer <input type="checkbox"/> Lung <input type="checkbox"/> Laryngeal <input type="checkbox"/> Gastrointestinal <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
Coal Dust Related	<input type="checkbox"/> Coal Worker's Pneumoconiosis
Silica Related	<input type="checkbox"/> Silicosis
Lead Related	<input type="checkbox"/> Blood lead level above 0.5 µmol/L (Blood lead level _____µmol/L)
Noise Related	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise-Induced Hearing Loss
Comments: _____ _____	

Physician's Name (print): _____
Physician's Signature: _____
Telephone Number: _____
Date: _____

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## Contact Us

### OHS Contact Centre

Edmonton & Surrounding area

- 780-415-8690

Throughout Alberta

- 1-866-415-8690

Deaf or hearing impaired:

- 780-427-9999 (Edmonton)
- 1-800-232-7215 (Alberta)

### Website

[work.alberta.ca/ohs-contact us](http://work.alberta.ca/ohs-contact-us)

## Get Copies of OHS Act, Regulation and Code

Alberta Queen's Printer

[www.qp.gov.ab.ca](http://www.qp.gov.ab.ca)

Occupational Health and Safety

[work.alberta.ca/ohs-laws](http://work.alberta.ca/ohs-laws)

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