Notifiable Occupational Diseases
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 (μmol/L); and
(i) noise-induced hearing loss.

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.

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.
# 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  
Fax: 780-643-9264  
Mail: 8th Floor, Labour Building, 10808-99 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 0G5

## Worker Information:

| Name: |  
| Address: |  
| Name of employer(s) when exposure occurred: |  
| Name of employer at date of notification: |  

## Notifiable Disease (check where applicable):

| Asbestos Related | ☐ Asbestosis  
| ☐ Mesothelioma  
| ☐ Asbestos-Induced Cancer  
| ☐ Lung  
| ☐ Laryngeal  
| ☐ Gastrointestinal  
| ☐ Other (specify) ______________________________  
| Coal Dust Related | ☐ Coal Worker’s Pneumoconiosis  
| Silica Related | ☐ Silicosis  
| Lead Related | ☐ Blood lead level above 0.5 μmol/L (Blood lead level ______μmol/L)  
| Noise Related | ☐ 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

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