Work-related lung disease and deaths in the UK construction sector*

Exposures at work are a major cause of lung disease in the UK. The risks from working in construction are greater than for any other sector.

ALL INDUSTRIES
Every year
12,000 deaths
129,000 total cases
13,000 new cases
29 new cases per 100,000 workers

The UK construction sector has the largest number of reported cases of occupational lung disease of any industrial sector

3,500 occupational cancer deaths are caused by exposures in construction

Construction is among the top 5 industries for deaths from COPD

Some of the most common substances known to cause occupational asthma are used in or generated by everyday construction tasks:
- isocyanates
- solder and colophony fume
- stainless steel welding fumes
- wood dusts

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