

# WTC HEALTH PROGRAM & 9/11 VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND

## What First Responders Need to Know



If you responded to the WTC site or the landfill and were exposed to the toxins, you are entitled to free health care and compensation for your 9/11 related illnesses.

## VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND (VCF)

VCF

- \$10+ billion has been made available to fully compensate claimants who have pending claims, as well as future claimants diagnosed with certified WTC illnesses. Over \$5 billion has been awarded to 25,000+ people.
- The VCF has been fully funded and permanently extended to 2092.
- VCF claimants with pending claims, and those who have already received awards, have the right to "amend" their claims if their duty status changes as a result of their 9/11 illnesses and/or if they are diagnosed with new WTC-certified illnesses.
- All claims MUST be registered within 2 years of the date of certification by the World Trade Center Health Program.
- VCF awards range from \$90,000-\$340,000 for certified cancers, and more for economic loss if the claimant has been found disabled by a WTC illness.
- VCF awards range from \$10,000-\$90,000 for non-cancer certified illnesses.
- All VCF awards are tax free.



## HEALTH CARE



- Medical care for 9/11 first responders has been permanently extended.
- Active and retired responders have the right to free health care for WTC-certified illnesses from the the WTC Health Program (which has clinics throughout the country).
- Make sure you take advantage of this free exam and go to your annual WTC physical.
- A skin cancer screening is not performed at the WTC Health Program physical; therefore, you should go for a full body skin exam at least once per year. Skin cancers are the most common WTC-related cancers.

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# **MOST COMMON CANCERS AND NON-CANCER ILLNESSES LINKED TO THE WTC TOXINS**

*There is a presumption that these illnesses were caused by WTC toxic exposure:*

## **CANCERS**

- **Skin Cancer (Basal Cell, Squamous Cell, and Melanoma)**
- **Prostate Cancer**
- **Thyroid Cancer**
- **Breast Cancer**
- **Blood Cancers: Lymphoma & Leukemia**
- **Lung Cancer**
- **Kidney Cancer**
- **Colon Cancer**
- **Bladder Cancer**
- **Rare Cancers**

## **NON-CANCERS**

- **Interstitial Lung Diseases, including Pulmonary Fibrosis and Sarcoidosis**
- **Chronic Rhinosinusitis**
- **Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)**
- **Asthma**
- **Sleep Apnea**
- **Chronic Respiratory Disorder - Fumes / Vapors**
- **Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)**

*Altogether, 68 cancers have been linked to the WTC toxins. If you have been diagnosed with a cancer that is not on the list, you may still be eligible. Our firm has been representing the 9/11 community since 2001. We will help you get enrolled in the Health Program. Once certified, it almost always leads to compensation. KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!*

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