

Navy Ship Asbestos Exposure Toolkit

A printable proof + checklist guide for Louisiana families

This handout summarizes practical steps to preserve records after an asbestos-related diagnosis that may trace back to ship or shipyard work. It is general information, not legal advice, and it is designed to be shared with family members helping you gather paperwork.

Quick Start: The First Week After Diagnosis

- Ask your doctor's office for copies of pathology reports, imaging reports, and the dates of any key tests.
- Write down every ship name, shipyard, rating, and job task you can remember, even if it feels incomplete.
- List coworkers, supervisors, or family members who saw the work and can confirm the setting.
- Gather work history documents: union cards, pay stubs, W-2s, DD-214, and any job site badges.
- Start a simple calendar of appointments, symptoms, and work limitations in plain language.

Why speed matters

Records can be lost, vendors change names, and memories fade.
Preserving the paper trail early protects leverage later.

Key Records To Request

Record	Where To Get It	Why It Matters
Pathology report	Hospital / lab	Confirms diagnosis
Imaging reports	Radiology group	Shows findings over time
Service + work history	VA / employer	Connects you to sites
Co-worker list	Your notes	Fills product ID gaps

Tip: If you do not have every record yet, do not wait. A lawyer can often help request documents and preserve testimony while you focus on treatment.

Infographic 1: Evidence Blueprint

A five-step proof plan + after-diagnosis checklist

Navy Ship Asbestos Exposure: Proof Plan
5 Steps + Fast Checklist

- 1 Lock Down Diagnosis**
Request pathology and imaging copies
- 2 Build Ship & Job Timeline**
Ships, dates, tasks, work areas
- 3 Identify Products**
Insulation, gaskets, pumps, turbines
- 4 Collect Witness Proof**
Coworkers, family, work records
- 5 Preserve Non-Medical Records**
Work limits, expenses, family impact notes

**After Diagnosis:
6 Fast Tasks**

- Write your ship list
- Request service file
- List coworkers
- Save photos + gear
- Get pathology slides

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Infographic 2: Defense vs Evidence

Common defense themes and the records that answer them

Defense vs Evidence Navy Asbestos Cases <small>Match each claim to a record</small>	
Defense Angle	Evidence Anchor
No asbestos on that ship or in that job	Ship + rating records task details
Exposure was too low to matter	Product ID and witnesses work areas
Other causes like smoking or other jobs	Full history medical notes doctor opinion
Normal scans no proof of disease	Pathology + specialist documentation
You are fine now no damages	Work limits expense logs family impact

Jump to Defense Audit

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Free Case Review: Navy Asbestos Claims

Trial-ready preparation starts with the right records

Babcock Injury Lawyers helps Louisiana families investigate asbestos exposure histories and preserve proof in a way that stands up to defense scrutiny. We cannot promise results, but we can help you build a clean record and avoid common documentation gaps.

What To Bring (If You Have It)

- Your DD-214 or other service records
- Ship names, dates, and job duties (even rough notes)
- Diagnosis paperwork (pathology or imaging summaries)
- A list of prior jobs with dates and locations
- A short list of witnesses (coworkers or family)

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If you are within the first 72 hours after a diagnosis or a serious change in symptoms, call quickly. That is often the best window to request records and preserve a timeline while details are still clear.