

## EACH YEAR

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100,000 people worldwide die from asbestos-caused disease.

Are you outraged?

# CANADIAN ASBESTOS ONE KILLER EXPORT

BAN ASBESTOS CANADA is a coalition of unions and health and social activism organizations committed to banning the export of asbestos and securing just compensation and transition for Canadian workers. We work in solidarity with the international ban asbestos movement.

Learn more at [www.bacanada.org](http://www.bacanada.org).



**BLAYNE KINART**, a Sarnia, Ontario millwright, died in 2004 from mesothelioma, a cancer caused by exposure to asbestos. He was 58 years old. Blayne wanted to raise public awareness of the plight of those who had been poisoned on the job.



Louise Palu

**STEPHEN HARPER'S** federal government is blocking the listing of chrysotile asbestos under the international Rotterdam Convention, which requires importing countries be warned of risks associated with hazardous products.



## IN CANADA

More and more Canadian workers are dying from Asbestos. It causes 79 percent of deaths due to occupational disease. Mesothelioma rates in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia are higher than ever – higher than rates in other developed countries.

## AROUND THE WORLD

Canada exports asbestos to South Asia, where workers, bystanders and communities are exposed to airborne fibres measured at over 100 times Canadian exposure limits.

The Canadian government supports the unconscionable policy of withholding information from South Asian workers and ignoring the devastating impact of Canadian asbestos. Internationally, Canada has been severely criticized for preventing the listing of chrysotile asbestos as a hazardous product under the Rotterdam Convention, an international agreement requiring that importing countries be warned of the risks associated with hazardous products.

## NO HELP FOR WORKERS

Nearly 4,000 Quebec asbestos miners have already been laid off. Nothing has been done to help these workers as part of federal and provincial programs for economically depressed communities. Instead, fruitless promotions of a criminal, dying industry have waylaid unions and allowed government to ignore these workers.

Stephen Harper gave Ontario \$158 million for communities hit by layoffs. Quebec communities hit by a dying industry deserve his attention, too.

## WHAT WE WANT

If we add our collective voice to this struggle and work with Quebec's laid-off miners, we can gain support for workers and end the devastation of asbestos exports.

We want the governments of Canada and Quebec to respect the international right to know.

We want adequate government funding for transition programs for former asbestos miners in Quebec.



## YOU CAN HELP

Visit [www.bacanada.org](http://www.bacanada.org) and use our action centre to send a letter to Prime Minister Harper and other politicians, urging them to stop the export and use of asbestos.

Tell your MP that you want her/him to work to stop the export and use of asbestos. E-mail us at [info@bacanada.org](mailto:info@bacanada.org) if you get a response.

Support the Ban Asbestos Canada network. To receive updates or learn how you can get involved in BAC activities, email us at [info@bacanada.org](mailto:info@bacanada.org).