

Policy

Laryngeal cancer in workers exposed to nickel aerosol in specific industrial processes is accepted as an occupational disease under sections 2(1) and 15 of the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act* as peculiar to and characteristic of such processes.

Guidelines

Entitlement criteria

Workers with claims for laryngeal cancer are entitled to benefits if the following criteria are met.

Entitlement criteria for laryngeal cancer

Duration of exposure (cumulative minimum)	Inception period (minimum interval between first exposure and diagnosis of laryngeal cancer)
Nickel 15 years exposure to nickel aerosols through any process in the nickel industry which produces nickel in aerosol dispersion, in combined or elemental form, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • roasting • smelting • refining • welding • electroplating. 	20 years
Nickel and Asbestos 7.5 years nickel aerosols AND 5 years asbestos	15 years

For claims involving asbestos exposure, see 23-02-02, Laryngeal [Cancer](#) and [Asbestos Exposure](#).

Date of entitlement

The date the worker may first be entitled to benefits/services is the date of accident, also known as the date of injury. The date of injury is the date of diagnosis, or the first date that related symptoms are medically documented, whichever is earlier. See 11-01-04, [Determining the Date of Injury for more information.](#)

Operational
Policy

Section
Occupational Diseases

Subject
Laryngeal Cancer-Asbestos/Nickel Exposure

Application date

This policy applies to [all decisions made on or after January 1, 2023, for](#) all accidents.
~~Benefits are payable from the date of accident, which is the date of diagnosis, or the first date that related symptoms are medically documented, whichever is earlier.~~

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References

Legislative Authority

Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997, as amended
Sections 2(1), 15, 119

Minute

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