Not all workplace hazards are visible.

Occupational Lung Diseases

International estimates 15% of adult-onset asthma

15% 15% 10-30%

of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

may be attributable to hazardous occupational exposures.¹

It is estimated that occupational exposure in Australia contributes to:

29% of lung cancers

in men

and chronic obstructive

pulmonary disease (COPD)3

5.3%

of lung cancers in women²

The
Australian
Bureau of
Statistics
(ABS)
2017-18
National
Health
Survey
estimates:

Australians are affected by chronic respiratory conditions

Conditions included hay fever, asthma, chronic sinusitis

Workers compensation claims in Australia have increased over the past decade

6,000



claims made for **occupational lung diseases**

450



claims made for **respiratory** system diseases in 2018-194

This increase in claims is likely due to new screening regimes implemented in some states and territories, and greater awareness and monitoring of respiratory diseases across Australia.

- ¹ The Medical Journal of Australia
- ² Lung Foundation Australia
- ³ Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- ⁴ Safe Work Australia