

PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS! REGISTER NOW.

OSA members who participated in paid or unpaid rescue, recovery, or cleanup work on or after 9/11 should register now to preserve your 9/11-related workers compensation rights. You must register with the Workers' Compensation Board by August 14, 2008. (The deadline was recently extended by the NY State Legislature). You are not filing a claim, but simply preserving your right to do so in the future.

Workers' compensation pays all the medical expenses for a work-related injury or sickness, including a mental disorder, such as severe depression. It also pays two-thirds of your average weekly wage up to \$400 if you cannot work because of work-related sickness or injury.

In 2006, the NY State Workers' Compensation Law was changed to help individuals file a claim if they either already have a 9/11-related illness or may become sick in the future because they were exposed to toxic air and dust on or after 9/11 while engaging in paid or unpaid rescue, recovery, or cleanup work. If you do not register and are now sick or become sick later, you will not be able to file or re-file a claim. Even if you are now healthy, but were exposed to contaminated air and dust on or after 9/11, you must register now to protect your right to file a claim if and when you become sick.

The New York Committee For Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH) has launched a campaign to get affected workers to register. They point out that most people are eligible if they did rescue, recovery or cleanup work, either as a volunteer or for pay, between September 11, 2001 and September 12, 2002 anywhere in Manhattan south of Canal or Pike Streets, or on the barge operation between Lower Manhattan and Staten Island, or at the Staten Island

landfill, or at the NYC morgue.

Please note that if you helped anyone out of your office building on 9/11, we believe you did rescue work and if you were called back to your location a week after 9/11, for example, and were compelled to clean off your desk or cubicle of 9/11 dust, you performed clean-up work.

NYCOSH has much more information on its website at www.nycosh.org, including sample completed registration forms at www.nycosh.org/911info/samples_english.html.

Of particular relevance is the sample case for "Jane Smith," an "employee of an insurance company located a few blocks from the World Trade Center site. She first returned to work in the area two months after 9/11. When she came back to work, her office and other areas where she worked were coated with dust and ash from the World Trade Center collapse. For the next week, she and her co-workers spent part of their time at work cleaning their offices and the common office areas."

Blank registration forms are also available on NYCOSH's website at www.nycosh.org/911info/index_english.html. You may also obtain forms and information by calling NYCOSH at 1 (866) 982-2556.

The union will also have blank registration forms available on our website at www.osaunion.org in the member services section. If you don't have web access, you may call Rob Spencer at the union office (212) 686-1229 for the blank forms.

AND, IF YOU HAVE 9/11 RELATED ILLNESSES OR BELIEVE YOUR SYMPTOMS ARE RELATED TO 9/11 ... TURN THIS SHEET OVER FOR A FEW HEALTHCARE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU.

REGISTER NOW
to Preserve Your 9/11- Related
Workers' Compensation Rights.

DO YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS FROM YOUR 9/11-RELATED EXPOSURES TO TOXIC AIR OR DUST?

If You Worked Or Volunteered Doing Rescue, Recovery or Clean-Up Work

If you worked or volunteered doing rescue, recovery or clean-up work after the 9/11 attacks, you may be eligible to receive a free medical screening and treatment at the World Trade Center Medical Monitoring and Treatment Program. Even if you are not

experiencing any symptoms at this time, it's important to get screened, so you can be eligible for the program if you happen to develop health problems in the future that are related to your work after the 9/11 attacks. Benefits counseling is also available.

WTC MEDICAL MONITORING & TREATMENT PROGRAM
1(888) 702-0630

If You Were A Downtown Office Worker or Resident Exposed to 9/11 Air/Dust

The Bellevue Hospital World Trade Center Environmental Health Center evaluates and treats medical problems associated with the destruction of the World Trade Center and the resulting spread of toxic dusts.

Who is eligible? Office or other local workers (retail, commercial) in Lower Manhattan, residents who lived in Lower Manhattan on 9/11 and/or during the period surrounding the WTC collapse, individuals who helped in the recovery and clean-up of the WTC or associated sites, former students of schools and colleges in Lower Manhattan, and evacuees from the WTC, commercial buildings and apartment buildings in the surrounding area.

The program includes a comprehensive medical evaluation and mental health screen-

ing and treatment of medical issues connected with exposures to the WTC collapse or related activities.

A team of physicians, nurses, and mental health professionals will evaluate you, assess treatment options, and provide the best treatment based on current knowledge of the health effects of the WTC collapse. Among the most commonly identified problems have been respiratory and sinus problems, as well as gastrointestinal complaints. In addition, many suffer from depression or anxiety as a result of the event.

If you feel your health or mental health problems can reasonably be linked to the WTC collapse, you may want to have an evaluation.

BELLEVUE WTC ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CENTER
1(212) 562-1720