



## NYC Mesothelioma Lawyer Says Suspected Asbestos In Queens Housing Project Reflects Common, Ongoing Threat

*Joseph W. Belluck of New York's Belluck & Fox, LLP, says local housing authority should remedy threat, and residents with disease symptoms should seek medical and legal help.*

New York, NY ([PRWEB](#)) December 21, 2011 -- [New York City mesothelioma attorney](#) Joseph W. Belluck said today that reports about suspected asbestos-laden floor tiles in a Queens housing project reflect the ongoing threat of exposure to toxic asbestos fibers that many New Yorkers face.

The [Queens Tribune](#) reported earlier this month that an exterminator called to treat the 60-year-old Pomonok Houses project in East Flushing discovered asbestos in floor tiles. The exterminator reported the situation to the project's management, the newspaper said, and a family at the housing project hired an independent company that also found asbestos in flooring.

Housing authority officials have refused to release the results of their tests for asbestos, and no work to remove the affected floor tiles is anticipated, the report says.

"Asbestos continues to exist in homes and buildings and, indeed, is still used in some products," said Belluck, a partner in the New York City personal injury law firm of Belluck & Fox, LLP.

"Sadly, when threats of asbestos exposure come to light in public situations, as we've seen in the suspected exposure in Queens, there is often little or nothing done about it," Belluck continued. "And those who do not have the resources to flee the threat are left in danger."

[Asbestos](#) is a naturally occurring, heat-resistant, fibrous material that has been identified as hazardous since the 1920s. Asbestos fibers easily break down when disturbed and, if inhaled, can result in mesothelioma, a usually fatal cancer, as well as asbestosis and other diseases.

Widespread use of asbestos was curtailed by the 1980s, but it continues to be used in such products as stove mats, stove door gaskets, furnace components, and paper and millboard products, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

The Belluck & Fox law firm has won more than \$450 million in judgments for New York plaintiffs in personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits pertaining to illness caused by asbestos exposure.

"If one experiences shortness of breath, pain or pressure in their chest or a lingering cough, they should see a doctor as soon as possible and advise the physician of their possible exposure to asbestos," said Belluck, listing some common early symptoms of mesothelioma.

Belluck said that anyone who may have been exposed to asbestos and who has received a diagnosis of mesothelioma or another asbestos-related disease should also contact an experienced mesothelioma lawyer.

"Mesothelioma is a deadly and costly disease," the veteran New York personal injury attorney said. "Anyone who is facing this disease because of an asbestos exposure has a legitimate claim to compensation and should immediately seek proper advice about their [legal options](#)."



## About Belluck & Fox

[Belluck & Fox, LLP](#), is a nationally recognized law firm that represents individuals with asbestos and mesothelioma claims, as well as victims of crime, motorcycle crashes, lead paint and other serious injuries. The firm provides personalized and professional representation and has won over \$400 million in compensation for clients and their families.

Partner [Joseph W. Belluck](#) is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is listed in Best Lawyers in America, New York Magazine's "Best Lawyers in the New York Area" and in Super Lawyers. Mr. Belluck has won numerous cases involving injuries from asbestos, defective medical products, tobacco and lead paint, including a recent asbestos case that settled for more than \$12 million.

Partner [Jordan Fox](#) is a well-known asbestos and mesothelioma attorney who has been named to the Best Lawyers in America, New York Magazine's "Best Lawyers in the New York Area" and to Super Lawyers. On two separate occasions his verdicts were featured as the National Law Journal's Largest Verdict of the Year. He recently secured verdicts of \$32 million and more than \$19 million on behalf of individuals who had contracted mesothelioma from asbestos exposure.

In September, Belluck & Fox, LLP, won a coveted spot on a list of America's best law firms, which was published jointly by U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers magazine. The listing showcased 8,782 different law firms ranked in one or more of 81 major practice areas.

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