



WHY REPORT TOXIN EXPOSURES?

Fires and emergency responses create toxin exposure risks that are unique to firefighters. 2020, with the COVID-19 pandemic, increased that risk significantly.

Reporting these exposures is important because:

- Workers' Compensation, disability and survivor benefits for families can be challenged by employers
- With exposure records, physicians can more easily identify the causes and treatments for illnesses
- Exposure records make it easier to spot patterns among members of a crew
- May become important to a legal case or medical diagnosis

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COVID-19 Exposure In The Fire Service

96 Departments reporting 7/20 to Present

1,680

Personnel Exposed

346

Total in Quarantine

374

Personnel Diagnosed

91+

Deaths