

The Silent Killer: Asbestos

It's in our homes, our schools, our hospitals - our lives

BREATH TAKING

A Canadian Documentary directed by:
Kathleen Mullen

In recognition of **Injured Workers' Day** on June 1st, the B.C. Federation of Labour and Toxic Free Canada are inviting the public to an exclusive screening of Canadian Filmmaker Kathleen Mullen's, "Breathtaking", the director's personal journey into the Canadian Asbestos industry following the death of her father, Richard, from Mesothelioma in 2003.

Blayne Kinart developed mesothelioma, a form of cancer, from asbestos. He wanted people to see how mesothelioma ravaged his body. He said, "I didn't go to work to die."

Sponsors: BC & Yukon Territory Building and Construction Trades Council (BCYT-BCTC), the International Association of Heat & Frost Insulators & Allied Workers, Local 1118 and the International Association of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE), Local 891.

The expert panel will be facilitated by Mae Burrows of Toxic Free Canada and includes:

- **Kathryn Seely**, Canadian Cancer Society
- **Wayne Peppard**, past Executive Director, BCYT-BCTC
- **Doug Jones**, President of United Steel Workers, Local 480
- **Tracy Ford**, daughter of Dave Ford, died in 2008 from Mesothelioma

Sheila Mullen, widow of Richard Mullen, will open the event. Following the documentary, an expert panel discussion will explore these key issues:

- **Why should you be concerned?** The panel will debunk the myth that asbestos exposure is limited to workers and a thing of the past.
- **What can BC do to protect working people better?** Asbestos-related disease is the leading cause of work-related fatalities in BC.
- **How can compensation be improved?** Only 35% of mesothelioma patients in BC receive compensation from the Workers' Compensation Board, and for asbestosis and lung cancer, the percentages are much lower.
- **Why ban the production and export of asbestos?** 95% of Canada's asbestos is exported to developing countries where workers and their families suffer gross over-exposures.

NEW DATE

DATE: JUNE 16, 2011

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Fifth Avenue Cinemas
2110 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC

Tickets: Open Seating - Admission
by donation to Toxic Free Canada

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