

# Work-Related or Occupational Asthma

An estimated **1.9 million** cases of asthma among adults were work-related, accounting for **15.7%** of current adult asthma cases.

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Work-related asthma  
**SIGNIFICANTLY  
DIFFERS BY AGE**

and is highest among persons aged 45–64 years (20.7%).

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Work-related asthma is a preventable occupational lung disease that is associated with **serious adverse health and economic outcomes.**

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Healthcare providers should ask workers with asthma about occupational exposures and be **alert to potential associations** between workplace exposures and asthma symptoms.

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