



If you were employed or a student at BMCC between September 11, 2001, to May 30, 2002, we are providing the following information on the 911 Victims Compensation Fund.

Following are several firms specializing in World Trade Center Victim's Compensation Fund claims. They are listed in alphabetical order. The college does not endorse any of these firms, and they are listed solely for informational purposes. You may find additional resources by doing a World Trade Center Victim's Compensation Fund google search. Information to register for the fund is available at [vcf.gov/deadlines](http://vcf.gov/deadlines).

For information on the World Trade Center Health Program and the Victim Compensation Fund, there are several law firms and organizations you may wish to contact for information, and many offer a free consultation. Among the places you may contact for additional information are:

Barasch and McGarry  
11 Park Place, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007  
212-385-8000  
[www.911victimfund.com](http://www.911victimfund.com)

Law Firm of William J. Dubanevich, LLC  
60 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Suite 4600  
New York, NY 10168  
914-661-8362  
[www.wjdlawfirm.com](http://www.wjdlawfirm.com)

Noah Kushlefsky, Esq.  
Kreindler & Kreindler  
750 3<sup>rd</sup> Av, 32<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
New York, NY 10017  
212-687-8181  
[www.kreindler.com](http://www.kreindler.com)

For information on programs available to 9/11 survivors:

Lila Nordstrom  
Students of 911  
<http://www.studentsof911.org>  
Tel or Text #646-813-6713

# WTC HEALTH PROGRAM & 9/11 VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND

## WHAT THE 9/11 COMMUNITY NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT THE LAW



**On December 18, 2015, Congress reauthorized and extended both the health program and compensation fund available to the 9/11 community. Downtown residents, office workers, students, and teachers are all eligible if they were exposed on 9/11 or during parts of the 8 months that followed.**

## VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND (VCF)



- There are two deadlines in the VCF's claim filing process: a **Claim Filing Deadline** and a **Registration Deadline**. It is important to distinguish between the two and be aware of which applies to your individual circumstances.
- **Registration is not the same as filing a claim. The Registration Deadline is not the same for everyone. For more information, visit [vcf.gov/deadlines](http://vcf.gov/deadlines).**
- VCF claimants with pending claims, and those who have already received awards, have the right to "amend" their claims if their employment status changes as a result of their 9/11 illnesses and/or if they are diagnosed with new WTC-certified illnesses.
- **The Claim Filing Deadline is the same for everyone.** Although the VCF encourages you to file your claim after you have been certified by the World Trade Center ("WTC") Health Program for a 9/11-related physical health condition and as soon as the full scope of your claimed losses are known so that your compensation claim can be reviewed as quickly as possible, the last date on which anyone can file a claim is **October 1, 2090**.
- VCF awards range from \$125,000-\$340,000 for certified cancers and more for economic loss if the claimant has been found disabled by a WTC illness.
- VCF awards range from 20,000-90,000 for non-cancer-certified illnesses.
- All VCF awards are Tax-Free.

## HEALTH CARE



- Medical care for the 9/11 community has been extended 75 Years.
- The 9/11 community has the right to free health care for WTC-certified illnesses for the WTC Health Program (which has clinics throughout the country).
- Make sure you take advantage of this free exam and go to your annual WTC physical.
- **A Skin Cancer Screening is not performed at the WTC Health Program physical; therefore, you should go for a full-body skin exam at least once per year. Skin Cancers are the most common WTC-related cancers.**

# MOST COMMON CANCERS AND NON-CANCER ILLNESSES LINKED TO THE WTC TOXINS

*There is a presumption that these illnesses were caused by WTC toxic exposure:*

## CANCERS

- Skin Cancer (Basal Cell, Squamous Cell, and Melanoma)
- Prostate Cancer
- Thyroid Cancer
- Breast Cancer
- Blood Cancers, including Multiple Myeloma, Lymphoma, and Leukemia
- Lung Cancer
- Kidney Cancer
- Colon Cancer
- Bladder Cancer
- Rare Cancers

## NON-CANCERS

- Interstitial Lung Diseases, including Pulmonary Fibrosis and Sarcoidosis
- Chronic Rhinosinusitis
- Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD)
- Asthma
- Sleep Apnea
- Chronic Respiratory Disorder - Fumes / Vapors
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

*Altogether, 68 cancers have been linked to the WTC toxins. If you have been diagnosed with a cancer that is not on the list, you may still be eligible. Our firm has been representing the 9/11 community since 2001. We will register you in the Health Program. Once certified, it almost always leads to compensation. KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!*