

WHAT IS THE LUNG BUS?

The Lung Bus is a mobile respiratory screening service designed to offer all the necessary parts of a respiratory screening examination together in one place.

It is fully equipped with an x-ray room, lung function testing equipment and a doctor's consulting room. Screening is painless and takes only about 15 minutes for each employee.

Occupational respiratory screening is also available at the DDB Medical Centre, Level 7, 82 Elizabeth St, Sydney.

Call the DDB Occupational Screening Coordinator for a copy of our standard Service Agreement.



WHERE ARE WE LOCATED?

Level 2 / 82 Elizabeth St, Sydney 2000

BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES

should be directed to the Occupational Screening Coordinator on 8223 6600 or by email to occupational.screening@ddb.nsw.gov.au

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Mobile Respiratory Screening



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**MOBILE RESPIRATORY
SCREENING UNIT**



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The Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001 requires employers to provide health surveillance for each employee who is exposed to Asbestos, Crystalline Silica or other hazardous substances.

The Dust Diseases Board (DDB) understands that it can be expensive and inconvenient for employers to have staff take time off work for respiratory screening so the DDB offers a one-stop screening service that comes to the employer's work site.

Screening on the Lung Bus includes an x-ray, a lung function test and an examination by a doctor. The results are checked by a radiologist and specialist respiratory physician to complete the comprehensive respiratory screening.

Screening for each worker takes about 15 minutes and the Lung Bus can screen up to 64 employees per day.

This service to NSW employers and workers is subsidised by the Dust Diseases Board.

The benefits to employers using the Lung Bus include:

- > Minimum disruption to work
- > Low cost
- > Expert staff using up-to-date equipment
- > Individual results of the screening are sent to each individual employee
- > Screening records are stored securely by the DDB

The benefits to employees of being screened by the DDB Occupational Respiratory Screening Service include:

- > Early detection and referral for any respiratory abnormalities
- > Referral to DDB if evidence of a Dust Disease is found
- > Reassurance and objective advice about occupational respiratory disease
- > Other (non respiratory) health problems can be detected early
- > Confidentiality of screening results assured
- > Future access to medical records as required

3 STEPS TO THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The 3 steps, as outlined below, will average approximately 15 minutes per employee.



STEP 1

The Employee has a chest x-ray by a qualified Radiographer



STEP 2

Next, the Employee has a Lung Function (Spirometry) test by a Respiratory Scientist.



STEP 3

Finally, the employee is seen by a doctor on the Lung Bus for a respiratory health examination.