

TOXIC CABIN AIR FUME EVENT REGISTER



Have you been exposed to a fume event?

If so, please complete this questionnaire so that details can be recorded on Unite's 'Fume Event Register'.

What is a Fume Event?

A "fume event" refers to an occurrence when compressed air from aircraft jet engine turbines, used for cabin, air is contaminated by fume from engine oil, hydraulic fluid, anti-icing fluid and other potentially hazardous substances which contain organophosphates. Contaminated air is associated with 'bad smells' or sometimes seen as a haze or mist entering the cabin.

There has been knowledge since the 1950s that exposure to organophosphates can have short and long term adverse health effects. The airline industry has not acted to recognise or address the problem. There is insufficient monitoring and research.

A fume event can potentially occur on any jet aircraft except the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner which overcomes the inherent risk of the bleed air system by supplying cabin air direct from the atmosphere and not via the engines.

The Unite Fume Event Register

All fume events should be reported to the Civil Aviation Authority. However, Unite is concerned

that historically fume events have been under-reported. In order to record and monitor its own data Unite has set up a Fume Event Register for members working on cabin crew or related duties. This Register is a valuable resource for Unite members. Please report each fume event you experience by completing a separate form.

Data Protection

The information that each member provides will be stored on a database and may be shared with others, including law firms instructed by Unite. The use of this data will be solely for the purposes of investigating personal injury claims on behalf of trade union members who may have been exposed to fume events during the course of their employment.



Unite Legal Service

By completing this form you are not registering a claim. If you have suffered significant symptoms caused by exposure to Fume Events you should contact Unite's Legal service helpline without delay on **03330 146569**



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Part A: Personal Details

Full Name

Address

Telephone: Email

Date of Birth Union Branch Unite Membership No:

Employer Role/Position/Occupation

Part B: Details of Fume Event

Date and Time of Fume Event

Airline Aircraft Flight Number

Originating Airport Destination Airport

Location of Fume Event within Aircraft

Geographical Location of Aircraft at time of Fume Event

Description of Fume Event

Have you reported the fume event to your employer and/or any other body? If so, please provide details of who you reported it to and when.

Please note that by completing this form you are not submitting a legal claim and if you wish to receive legal advice regarding a personal injury claim you should contact Unite's solicitors on **03330 146569**.

I confirm the facts stated above are true and that by emailing this form it amounts to my signature upon it.

Please e-mail this completed form to:

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