

General Occupational Hazards

Veterans may have been exposed to the hazards listed below based on their military occupation.

For more information about these exposures, visit
<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/index.asp>



Asbestos

Mineral fiber used in older buildings and ships; if inhaled deeply into the lungs can cause health problems



Industrial Solvents

Usually liquid, used to dissolve, degrease, clean, strip paint, etc.



Lead

Metal that can be toxic for certain uses



Radiation

Dental technicians, nuclear weapons technicians, and others with routine and usually safe exposure



Fuels (Petroleum, Oils, Lubricants)

Fuels such as diesel and JP-8 used to operate vehicles in the military



PCBs

Polychlorinated biphenyl used as coolant and insulating fluid



Vibration

Periodic back and forth movement that if severe, can cause health conditions



Noise

Harmful sounds from guns, equipment, and machinery that is often experienced during service



CARC Paint

Chemical Agent Resistant Coating (CARC) used on military vehicles to resist corrosion and chemical agents