

LUNG CANCER RISK FACTORS THAT VETERANS SHOULD KNOW



Radon

Military personnel stationed in certain geographic locations or buildings may have been exposed to **radon**, a naturally occurring **radioactive gas** that can increase lung cancer risk.

Asbestos

This heightened risk is primarily due to **exposure to carcinogenic substances** during their service and higher rates of smoking. Veterans who worked in specializations such as shipbuilding or construction, may have been exposed to asbestos, a known carcinogen.

Air Pollution

In some deployment locations, air quality may have been compromised due to factors like **burn pits, dust, smoke, or chemical emissions**, increasing the risk of lung cancer.

Prior Lung Disease

Military personnel with a history of **lung diseases**, like **COPD or tuberculosis**, have an increased risk of lung cancer. Regular check-ups are vital for early detection.

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Family History

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Smoking

Smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer. Military personnel, especially those **who started smoking during service**, are at a higher risk. Get screened - learn more about VA screening.

Secondhand Smoke

Exposure to secondhand smoke can also increase the risk of lung cancer. This is particularly pertinent in **shared living or recreational areas** in military environments.

Are you eligible for
a lung cancer screening?

Know your
risks
and get
screened.



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