



Veterans, Your Cancer Could be Service-Related

If you served in a technical trade that involved regular use of chemicals or were deployed in Afghanistan and exposed to burn pits, your cancer could be linked to your military service. *Veterans with Cancer Inc.* encourages veterans who may have been affected by such exposures to consider filing a claim with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC). For more information on chemicals that may cause cancer, visit www.VeteransWithCancer.com.

About Veterans with Cancer Inc.

Veterans with Cancer Inc. is an incorporated not-for-profit dedicated to advocating for veterans affected by cancer. Our mission is twofold: to raise awareness about the connection between cancer and exposure to toxic chemicals while in military service, and to advocate on behalf of all veterans with cancer to ensure that they receive the support and benefits they deserve from filing a claim with Veterans Affairs Canada.

Chemical Exposure: A Hidden Injury

Unlike physical injuries sustained during deployment, exposure to carcinogenic chemicals may not show symptoms immediately. A veteran who was exposed to toxic substances while in uniform might not experience the effects of that exposure until many years later. In some cases, the link between cancer and military service is not immediately obvious, especially when the onset of cancer occurs long after the exposure.

Veterans who sustained a physical injury, such as a back injury from a fall, can usually trace the cause of their injury directly to a specific event. However, with chemical exposure, the long delay between exposure and the appearance of cancer often obscures the connection to military service. Moreover, because chemical-related injuries have many equivalents in the civilian population, it can be harder for veterans to recognize that their cancer may have been caused by the same chemicals they were exposed to while in the military.

How You Can Help?

Veterans with Cancer Inc. asks for your help in spreading awareness about this issue. If you know a veteran who has been diagnosed with cancer, encourage them to consider whether they were exposed to cancer causing chemicals during their service. By sharing this information, you can help ensure that veterans receive the support and recognition they deserve.

If you have cancer and believe you could have been exposed to chemicals while in service contact us — we can help!

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