

WHAT VETERANS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT VET-HOME


What is VET-HOME?

Veterans Exposure Team-Health Outcomes Military Exposures (VET-HOME) is a VA program serving Veterans with military environmental exposures. Its top priority is performing congressionally mandated telehealth registry evaluations for Veterans anywhere in the United States.

How do I reach VET-HOME?

 **Call toll-free:**
833-633-8846 or
833-MEE-VTHM

*Press 1 if you are a Veteran
Press 2 if you are a VA provider*

 **Hours:**
9:00a.m. to 6:30p.m. ET

 **VET-HOME Portal:**
vethome.va.gov

Why should I call VET-HOME?

Call VET-HOME to:



Learn about VA's [environmental health registries](#) (see page 2) and find out if you are eligible to participate in one.



Schedule a **FREE** telehealth environmental health registry evaluation with a VET-HOME clinician if you are eligible.

Who can use VET-HOME?

Any Veteran eligible for an environmental health registry evaluation (see page 2) is encouraged to contact VET-HOME.

VET-HOME is also available to help VA health care providers with questions or concerns about military environmental exposures.



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How will VET-HOME provide a registry evaluation?

If you meet eligibility criteria for an environmental health registry evaluation, VET-HOME will offer you a medical assessment via telehealth to address any symptoms or health concerns potentially related to military environmental exposures. If you need any additional evaluation afterwards, a VET-HOME clinician will refer you to your nearest VA facility. VA provides the evaluation and any clinically indicated diagnostic tests at no cost.

If you prefer an in-person environmental health registry evaluation, you can schedule an appointment by contacting an [environmental health coordinator](#) near you.

What are environmental health registry evaluations?

Environmental health registry evaluations are free, voluntary assessments for Veterans who were deployed to certain countries during specific time frames. A registry evaluation includes:

- An exposure history
- Special attention to any symptoms or abnormalities potentially related to military environmental exposures
- A physical exam or review of a physical exam of record

The VET-HOME intake center can schedule eligible Veterans for a telehealth registry evaluation with a clinician specially trained in military environmental exposures. Learn more about VA's environmental health registries at: publichealth.va.gov/exposures/benefits/registry-evaluation.asp.

VA currently offers the following environmental health registries:

- [Agent Orange Registry](#)
- [Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry](#)
- [Gulf War Registry](#)
- [Ionizing Radiation Registry](#)
- [Depleted Uranium Follow-Up Program](#)
- [Toxic Embedded Fragment Surveillance Center](#)

To learn more about VA's environmental health registries and eligibility, visit: publichealth.va.gov/exposures/benefits/registry-evaluation.asp

What if I need treatment for a health-related issue?

Your primary care provider is your best resource for treatment questions or medication needs.

What can I expect after my VET-HOME registry evaluation?

A note about your evaluation will be placed in your health record. You will also receive a follow-up letter about your visit. VET-HOME recommends that you follow up with your primary care provider about any findings that concern you.

Will VET-HOME or registry evaluation participation help me receive benefits?

Both VET-HOME and environmental health registry evaluations are separate from the benefits process. The fastest way to get answers about benefits or file a disability claim is to contact VBA directly. Learn more about benefits at www.va.gov.

Where can I find additional information online?

For additional information, visit the [VET-HOME web page](#).

For information about military environmental exposures, go to publichealth.va.gov/exposures/index.asp.

