



Communicating Section 603: Toxic Exposure Screening

- VA will roll out the new Toxic Exposure Screening at VA medical centers and clinics around the country by November 8.
- All Veterans enrolled in VA health care will receive the screening at least once every 5 years, to make sure we're connecting Veterans with the care they need, when they need it.
- Veterans who are not enrolled, but meet eligibility requirements to enroll, will have an opportunity to receive the Toxic Exposure Screening after they enroll.
- The screening is brief—typically taking around 5-10 minutes, depending on the Veteran's answer to "Do you believe you experienced any toxic exposures while serving in the Armed Forces?" and subsequent questions.
- This will allow for ongoing care that ensures early diagnosis and treatment of any exposure-related health concerns that may arise in the future.



Communicating Section 603: Veteran Outreach Materials

- Currently in progress:
 - Blogs
 - Fact sheet
 - Social media messaging
 - Newsletter content
 - VSO outreach support
- Planned:
 - Print, media, and video communications
 - Targeted emails
 - Direct mail



Available Now: Toxic Exposure Screening Information handout

- Public-facing document designed to be given as a handout after a Veteran receives the screening
- Includes information on exposures, registries, benefits, presumptive conditions, and additional resources.
- Available for download and printing through the War Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) Education Resources:
<https://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/WARRELATEDILLNESS/education/toxicexposurescreeninformation.asp>

The thumbnail shows the top portion of the handout. It features the VA seal on the left and the title "TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENING INFORMATION" in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title is a commitment statement: "VA is committed to providing screening, health care, and resources to Veterans with toxic exposure concerns from military service." The main body of the document is titled "TOXIC EXPOSURES" and lists several types of exposures: Open Burn Pits/Airborne Hazards, Gulf War related exposures, Agent Orange, Radiation, Camp Lejeune contaminated water exposure, and Other exposures. Below this is a section titled "MANAGE YOUR HEALTH" and "TALK WITH A VA PROVIDER:" which includes instructions on how to contact VA services. At the bottom, there is a QR code and a section titled "ENROLL IN VA CARE:" with instructions on how to enroll. The VA logo and "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs" are in the bottom right corner, and the date "Updated September 22, 2023" is in the bottom left corner.



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