

# HEALTH SIDE EFFECTS of AGENT ORANGE

This article deals with the side effects of Agent Orange. Also included is a link to a video from the N.Y. Times from 2014 dealing with the Long Legacy for Vietnam Veterans. It is well worth your time to view this video.

[Agent Orange's Long Legacy for Vietnam and Veterans](#)

(<https://www.nytimes.com/2014/05/12/us/agent-oranges-long-legacy-for-vietnam-and-veterans.html>)

## What are the health side effects of agent orange?

Two of the most common effects of Agent Orange are Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and prostate cancer. Offspring of those exposed to Agent Orange have also been afflicted with spinal bifida attributed to Agent Orange. There are also many less common conditions thought to be caused or aggravated by Agent Orange exposure.

### **Did the US know the effects of Agent Orange?**

Answer . When it was first being used it was only known to be an effective defoliant. It was sprayed on the jungle plants to make an effective barrier with no vegetation so that VC could not hide. Discovery of the side effects was much later... although there are plenty who think it was all a giant conspiracy, that position is ludicrous.

### **What was Agent Orange?**

It was a chemical based de-foliant used to kill jungle growth, so the North Vietnamese had less cover to work in and set up ambushes. It was also used in the South to kill growth, so the Vietcong wouldn't have cover. One of the biggest health risks associated with Agent Orange is cancer. Veterans and citizens of Vietnam are still getting cancer today.

### **What were the effects of agent orange?**

Agent Orange and dioxin are especially harmful to human health. Recent laboratory tests of human tissue samples (blood, fat tissue, and breast milk) taken from exposed veterans and people living in sprayed areas revealed levels of dioxin higher than levels found in people living in non-sprayed areas of Vietnam as well as people living in industrialized countries. Since 1990, the Agent Orange Victims Fund has been testing dioxin in pooled blood samples from different areas in order to map out the average dioxin levels throughout the country. Blood samples collected from those in northern Vietnam have the lowest dioxin levels (2-3 ppt) and almost all the samples collected from people in southern Vietnam, where the chemicals were sprayed showed a much higher dioxin level. Most noteworthy are the levels of dioxin in breast milk. The high level of dioxin in nursing mothers shows how contamination spreads and bio-accumulates from mothers to their children. Epidemiological studies have shown an elevated rate of diseases and disorders in people exposed to dioxin. These include high rates of cancers, abnormalities during pregnancies, neurological and metabolic disorders, and especially birth defects.

## **What is the side effect of hydrogen cyanide gas to human health?**

Answer . Cyanide can have both acute (large single event exposure) and chronic (long term low exposure) effects. Acute poisoning . Inhalation or ingestion of high concentrations of cyanide causes apnea, coma and cardiac arrest with death following in a matter of minutes. . At lower doses, loss of consciousness may be preceded by general weakness, giddiness, headaches and dizziness. Skin colour goes pink from high blood oxygen saturation. Chronic exposure . Cyanide at low levels can impact blood chemistry.

## **What did agent orange do?**

It was a chemical used by the US that they used to spray it on trees to get people sick.

## **What were the long-term effects on soldiers exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam War?**

The long-term effects were not only on the soldiers but their children as well! And I'm living proof. Many of the soldiers suffered from post-traumatic stress and other conditions such as soft tissue sarcoma, non Hodgkins lymphoma, leukemia, prostate cancer, spinal bifida and MANY more diseases! My dad was exposed to it and as a result all my siblings and I have birth defects. I hope this answers your question. Answer The four-year, \$43 million study was canceled, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, because it could not accurately determine which veterans were exposed to the herbicide used to destroy vegetation in Viet

## **What was the agent orange?**

Answer . Equal parts of 2-4-D mixed with 2-4-5-T. It was sprayed from aircraft along the Ho Chi Mein Trail, and other places in Vietnam to kill off the trees and underbrush. The 2,4,D kills broad leafed plants that do not have woody stems. 2,4,5,T kills woody stemmed plants. They were mixed with different kinds of oils like kerosene to make them stick to the plant and work better. <http://www.vvvc.org/agntor.htm>. Answer . Agent Orange is an herbicidal defoliant used by the United States during the Vietnam to deprive Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers of forest cover and food crops.