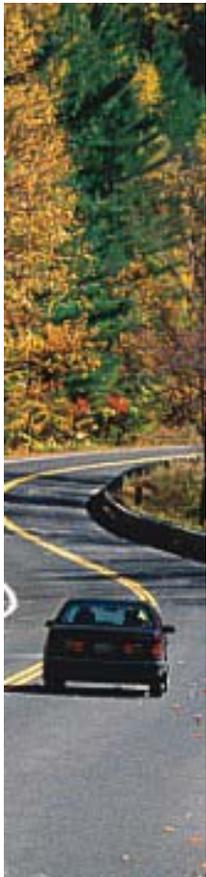




Local Area Safety Hazards (LASH)

Awareness Package



for

Personnel Assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground



A Guide to Local Area Hazards

Introduction



Hazard awareness at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG) is a continuous process that involves all of us. There are a variety of common and not-so-common hazards that we face every day – both on and off the job.

The proving ground and the state of Maryland place us in a unique environment that offers opportunities, challenges, growth, and unfortunately, hazards unlikely to be encountered anywhere else.

This guide is an attempt to inform and prepare you for local hazards and any potential health problems you may encounter. Although primarily designed for the newcomer or visiting personnel to APG (e.g., TDY, Guard and Reserve members, etc), it is also useful to the more 'permanent party' individual who may need refresher knowledge on protecting his/her safety while working and living in the area.

Aberdeen Proving Ground occupies more than 72,500 acres of woodland, wetlands, test courses, and developed areas. Potential hazards range from buried munitions to wild animals, and from hurricanes to ice storms. Everyone is vulnerable to the effects of a number of natural emergencies, such as hurricanes and severe winter storms. In addition, we are also susceptible to a variety of man-made hazards, such as fires and unexploded ordnance.

Individuals and families that are prepared to cope with hazards can reduce the fear, inconvenience, and loss that result from the unexpected. Knowing what to do can prevent unnecessary suffering, or even save your life and the lives of others.

I think this document can help. You are invited to read, learn, and have a safe and enjoyable experience at APG!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mardi U. Mark".

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