



What to Know when Buying a House

Many neighbors of military installations experience, to a greater or lesser extent, the impacts of training noise. Property owners, renters, and lessees need to know whether their property is located within a military noise zone or Accident Potential Zone (APZ). While the installation encourages local government and realtors to provide notification about local installations and related noise, it may be necessary for you to collect your own information.

A checklist

- Restrictive Easements—Owners and potential buyers of property near the installation need to conduct a title search to verify any restrictive easements.
- Noise Zones—A map of the noise zones surrounding the installation is available for review at the *[Insert Appropriate Office Here]* office. If your property is located in a noise zone, you need to check local zoning ordinance to determine permitted uses. Some uses are permitted with appropriate sound attenuation measures. See the fact sheet titled “How does the DoD assess noise and its impacts?” for more information.

- Accident Potential Zones—Like noise zones, a map of installation APZs is available for review at the Community Plans and Liaison Office (contact number below). If your property is located in an APZ, you need to check local zoning ordinance to determine permitted uses. See the fact sheet titled “Airfield Safety – What are APZs?” for more information.
- Questions concerning easements or the location of a particular property within a noise zone or APZ should be directed to a local planning authority. If you are considering property within a noise zone or APZ, you should also check the eligibility requirements for Federal Housing Administration (FHA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) mortgages.

For more information about mortgage requirements, contact:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
(800) 842-2610 ext. 3212

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
(800) 933-5499

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