

In many regions, radiation is still a threat. Many water sources, objects, or food look fine, but it will bring nothing but death. At that point, the seasoned traveller goes on his merry way alive, and the inexperienced sucker kicks the bucket because he put his hands on stuff he should not have touched. Massive holes exist throughout the land. Craters, water tanks, or lakes are suspicious as hell, and you certainly do not drink from them... Even a kid knows that. As I said before, the desert is worse. You need a sixth sense to handle the danger out here. There are people who managed to develop that practical understanding though. There are a few guides with a good reputation, who slither through the desert like snakes, avoiding all sorts of peril.

When considering radiation, the general rule is, in all places where bombings occurred; in big cities, industrial complexes, military headquarters, the radiation will still be high. You can find these places with a Geiger counter. If you do not have one, you will probably see a crater if you are in the field. Near the crater there is going to be some stones, looking pretty much like glass. Do not touch them under any circumstances! These stones are Trinitite and it is extremely radioactive.

You never had any of these problems out in the boonies that no one has ever heard of and you do not have them there nowadays. The Geiger usually does not even squeak, unless there was a nuclear plant in the vicinity. Without proper maintenance, the nuclear facilities just fell apart, and contaminated the environment. Watch out for these derelict places. You will not grow a second pair of hands, but you will only get acute radiation syndrome without a doubt.



