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Important Health Warning About Playing Video Games

Photosensitive Seizures

A very small percentage of people may experience a seizure when exposed to certain visual images, including flashing lights or patterns that may appear in video games. Even people who have no history of seizures or epilepsy may have an undiagnosed condition that can cause these "photosensitive epileptic seizures" while watching video games.

These seizures may have a variety of symptoms, including lightheadedness, altered vision, eye or face twitching, jerking or shaking of arms or legs, disorientation, confusion, or momentary loss of awareness. Seizures may also cause loss of consciousness or convulsions that can lead to injury from falling down or striking nearby objects.

Immediately stop playing and consult a doctor if you experience any of these symptoms. Parents should watch for or ask their children about the above symptoms—children and teenagers are more likely than adults to experience these seizures. The risk of photosensitive epileptic seizures may be reduced by taking the following precautions: Sit farther from the screen; use a smaller screen; play in a well-lit room; and do not play when you are drowsy or fatigued.

If you or any of your relatives have a history of seizures or epilepsy, consult a doctor before playing.



On course for war-torn Vietnam, a US plane carrying a top-secret cargo code-named "Whiteknight" is lost over the jungles of Cambodia. A Special Ops squad is sent in to retrieve it, but they all mysteriously disappear. One month later, one of the team, Sergeant Caleb Walker, walks out of the jungle—but he is changed; something has driven him insane, something that followed him out of the darkness. The horror ...

Cal's younser brother Nate is then quickly brought in to try to set information about "Whiteknisht" from his deranged sibling. Cal is being kept in quarantine by the military because he is carrying a highly contagious and horrifically destructive virus. The brothers meet briefly, but then all hell breaks loose: Vietcons Special Forces attack the remote jungle town base, and in the chaos that follows Cal breaks out and escapes.

Now it's in YOUR hands: Shellshock 2 puts you in control of Nate Walker. You must take up the hunt for Cal and try to solve the mystery of "Whiteknight" in this intense "survival horror" same. Set in the dark, nightmarish jungles during the Vietnam War, this is your chance to experience intense,

brutal jungle combat matched by swaths of unbridled high tempo horror.



Installing the Game (Windows® XP)

Make sure the system requirements and specifications shown on the game pack match those of your machine. Place the **Shellshock 2: Blood Trails** disc into your computer's drive. The disc should autorun and take you to the installation screen.

- If autorun is disabled on your machine:
 - Double-click My Computer on your Windows desktop.
 - Double-click the drive. The installation screen should appear.
 - Otherwise, double-click setup.exe.
- If the game has not yet been installed, the installation screen will have an Install option available.
 - Select **Install** to begin the installation process.
 - Follow all on-screen instructions.

Loading the Game (Windows XP)

Place the disc in the drive and select Start -> Programs -> Eidos -> Shellshock 2: Blood Trails.

Installing the Game (Windows Vista®)

Make sure the system requirements and specifications shown on the game pack match those of your machine. Place the **Shellshock 2: Blood Trails** disc into your computer's drive. The disc should autorun and take you to the installation screen.

When the User Access Control option appears, choose Continue.

 If you are not already logged into a Windows Vista® user account with administrator rights, you will be asked to provide the username and password of such an account at this point.

Loading the Game (Windows Vista®)

Once the game is installed and you are ready to play, do the following:

- Click the Windows Button.
- Click Games Explorer.
- Click the Play Shellshock 2: Blood Trails icon to start the game.

Family Settings

Family Settings in Games for Windows – LIVE complement Windows Vista® parental controls. Manage your child's access and experience with easy and flexible tools.

For more information, go to www.gamesforwindows.com/live/familysettings.







- Once the game loads, press Enter.
- You will proceed to the Profile creation / Selection screen, then on to the Main Menu screen.

MAIN MENU

The Main Menu screen is the starting point for all areas of the game.

Here you can choose: New Game to start a new game: Continue Game to resume from the last checkpoint; Level Select to replay an unlocked level; Options to adjust game and controller options; Change Gamer Profile to modify your profile; or Quit to exit the game back to Windows.

If this is the first time you are playing Shellshock 2: Blood Trails:

- · Select New Game.
- Select Easy, Medium or Hard difficulty.
- Press Enter once the level has loaded.

GAME CONTROLS	GAME ACTION
mouse	Menu highlight
left mouse button	Menu select

GAME CONTROLS	GAME ACTION —
WASD	Move character
mouse movement	Aim
Shift	Run
G	Throw grenade
T	Flashlight on/off
F. Tallia	Melee attack
R	Reload weapon
spacebar	Use / Interact / Pickup
left mouse button	Fire weapon / Punch / Melee
right mouse button	Snap to Iron Sight
mouse wheel up / down	Change weapon
	Switch to flare
	Switch to grenade
Control	Stance Toggle
Esc	Pause Menu / Objectives







You play Nate Walker. Get to know him well and use these character notes to try to understand the special bond he has with his older brother Cal.

Private Nathanial (Nate) Walker

Nate's father was dishonorably discharged from the US Army in World War Two for cowardice, after suffering shellshock.

Nate's older brother Cal always resented his father. As soon as the US was sucked into the Vietnam conflict, Cal volunteered to fight, to prove that he was not a coward like his father.

It was not long before he was decorated for bravery at the siege of Khe Sanh. His father was overjoyed at the news of the medal and Nate found himself under increasing pressure to volunteer.

But before Nate could decide what to do, he was drafted.



Sergeant Caleb (Cal) Walker

When the brothers were young, Cal always looked after Nate, especially when they were taunted by other kids about their father's reputation for cowardice.

In the Army, Cal was always the first to volunteer for the most dangerous assignments. This "first into the fight" mentality generated furious loyalty from the soldiers he fought with.

Cal worked his way up to Squad Leader of a Special Ops squad, the squad that was sent in to track down "Whiteknight."





Shellshock 2: Blood Trails has a large number of intense levels. Each level has a number of mission objectives that you must complete before you can progress to the next level.

New objectives are added to the list as you progress. When added, they are shown briefly on-screen and then listed in the Objectives Menu. Completed objectives are checked off.

ROOKIE TUTORIAL

When the game begins, you have to hit the ground running.

Initially, you won't know what's going on. You will be briefed by Master Sergeant Griffin, a fiercely patriotic psychotic who would willingly die for his country.

You are in the frontier town where Cal is quarantined. Griffin takes you to meet your incoherent brother. Cal's first moment of clarity occurs when he recognizes you. There is a connection—but then an explosion blasts through the cell, showering debris into the room. When you come to, you spot Cal escaping with Griffin racing after him.

There's very little time for basic training. You must chase them and learn the basic game controls FAST—your life and the life of your brother now depend on it!

The game screen is deliberately left clear and uncluttered, enabling you to see and hear exactly what Nate Walker is experiencing. This conveys the atmosphere of being there, deep in the jungle, surrounded by hostiles, the VC after your blood and a terrifyingly contagious virus primed and ready to infect you.

Some HUD items and text messages will appear on-screen briefly, then fade away to clear the screen for action. The screen also graphically reflects Nate's state of health, shock, stamina, etc.







Weapons

Your current weapon in hand is shown on-screen, but be warned that you will have to find additional weapons to survive. You will find a number of different US and VC weapons; those that can be picked up are clearly indicated.

• Once you possess more than one weapon, you can scroll through them (put them into your hands) with the mouse wheel up/down.



Crosshair

Each pistol, rifle or automatic weapon you are currently holding has an on-screen crosshair sight icon that allows you to aim and fire at a specific target.

The crosshair is permanently on by default, but you can choose to switch it off via the Options Menu. It will then appear on-screen only when you begin to fire.

Iron Sight

Each pistol, rifle or automatic weapon also has the option of an Iron Sight. This raises the weapon's sight up to your eye line, and allows you to fire an accurate, finely controlled shot.

- Press and hold the **right mouse button** to use the Iron Sight.
- You cannot use the Iron Sight while running, and you will not see the crosshair.

Contextual Button

There are many objects, items, and structures in the game that you can use, pick up, or interact with in some specific way. When you are near the object, an on-screen contextual button prompt will appear.

• Press the contextual button shown on-screen to use, pick up, interact, and so on.



Stance Icon



You have two stance positions in the game: standing and crouching. Standing gives you more mobility but makes you more vulnerable. Crouching makes you slower across the ground but puts you in a better defensive position. An icon appears briefly on-screen to show the changed stance.

• Press **Control** to switch between standing and crouching.

Ammo and Reloading

Ammo is at a premium in the game. There's not much of it around, so try not to waste it on indiscriminate fire.

When your weapon is low on ammo, the weapon icon flashes up on the HUD. When your weapon is out of ammo, the weapon icon appears with a red cross through it.

• Press **R** to reload the equipped weapon.



Melee Attack

If an enemy jumps out at you too close for you to aim your weapon, you can use a melee attack to smash the enemy in the face with whatever is in your hands.

• Press **F** when close to an enemy to melee attack.

If you are not carrying a weapon, you will use your fist to smash the enemy's face.

Grapple Attack

If a deranged enemy suddenly gets right in your face, that foe will lock you into a hand-to-hand grapple.

- To successfully grapple attack the enemy, press the on-screen control prompts in sequence.
- Once you manage to beat down the enemy, press the left/right mouse buttons to perform the finishing move of your choice.

Throwing Grenades

You can pick up and throw various different objects, such as grenades and flares, but in combat the explosive grenades are by far the most important.

- Select the grenade (scroll through your items with the, or key).
- Turn and look in the direction you want to throw.
- Press **G** to throw the grenade.

The grenade is thrown in an arc in the direction you are facing:

- If you are looking forward, level with the ground, the grenade will travel in a low trajectory arc.
- If you are looking up, you'll get a longer distance on the throw by pressing, holding and then releasing **G**. Increase the effort you put into throwing the grenade to increase the thrown distance.

A grenade is fitted with a detonation timer that initiates as soon as you release **G**. This means that a grenade thrown a great distance with a large trajectory arc can explode in the air above an enemy, making him vulnerable even when he is in good cover.



Heavy Machine Guns

At certain times, you may have to fire a mounted high-caliber weapon such as a heavy machine gun. These weapons can do a lot of damage in a short space of time, and can be very useful against a strong, determined attack.

- Approach the mounted gun by facing the handles, and press spacebar. You will grab hold of the gun.
- · Aim with the mouse.
- Fire with the left mouse button.
- Press **spacebar** to release the mounted gun.

Walking and Running

Walking is the default character movement in Shellshock 2: Blood Trails. You can also sprint by pressing and holding Shift.

• Be aware that running tires you out and uses up stamina.

Stamina

Maintaining stamina is very important; it affects everything you do. Prolonged sprinting, the effects of shellshock, and taking damage all reduce your stamina level. Reduced stamina affects your combat efficiency, reducing your reload time and the accuracy of your aim. You can preserve (or top up) stamina by walking slowly, remaining still or crouching for a period of time.

While there is no specific indicator on the HUD to show your stamina level, you can get a good idea via realistic audio feedback and on-screen effects.

Breathing

The heavier and more frequent your breathing, the lower your stamina. When your stamina is at its lowest point, your breathing will change to an unhealthy wheeze and you will only be able to move very slowly across the ground.

Flashlight

You are carrying a useful flashlight that will help light your way through pitch black tunnels and dark sections of the game. Remember: using a flashlight will also make you visible to an enemy, so turn it off when it's not essential to your progress.

• Press T to turn the flashlight on/off.



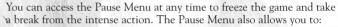


Health

You are able to see your current state of health without affecting your field of view: as health decreases, the edges of the screen turn red and begin to close in. If you continue to take damage and die, your view will go completely dark. As you regain health from injuries, your field of vision is gradually returned to normal.

Injury

A number of full-screen effects show the effects of injury, impaired vision, drug use or shellshock. If Nate is badly affected by gas or smoke, you will hear him cough and gasp and the screen will flash.



- Restart the level.
- Return to the last checkpoint.
- Access the game options.
- View your current objectives.

OBJECTIVES

You can access the Objectives screen at any time. **Next objectives** will be shown briefly on-screen and then listed on the Objectives screen. If an objective has been completed, it will be checked off.

• Press **Esc** to view your current objectives.







You can access the Options Menu from the Main Menu or from the Pause Menu. It allows you to adjust various control- and game-related options and manually save the game.

Control Options

- Invert Controls on/off (default: off)
- Aim Sensitivity (graduated bar)
- Aim Assist on/off
- Aim Assist Sensitivity (graduated bar)
- Remap Controls

Graphics Options

- Brightness (graduated bar)
- Visual Detail low/medium/high
- Texture Detail low/medium/high
- Shadow Detail low/medium/high
- Select Resolution
- Advanced Options

Audio Options

- Music Volume (graduated bar)
- Sound Volume (graduated bar)
- Speech Volume (graduated bar)
- Subtitles on/off (default: off)

Game Options

Crosshair ves/no (ves = always on)

Save Options

- Save Game
- · Auto Save on/off

View Credits

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