

UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE (UXO)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Defense (DoD) defines “explosive ordnance as any munition, weapon delivery system, or ordnance item that contains explosives, propellants, and chemical agents. UXO consists of these same items after they (1) are armed or otherwise prepared for action, (2) are launched, placed, fired, or released in a way that they cause hazards, and (3) remain unexploded either through malfunction or design.

In the past century, all shapes, sizes, and types of explosive ordnance have been used in the United States for weapons system testing and troop training activities. The following types of UXO are those most likely to be encountered on an active DoD site: small arms munitions, hand grenades, rockets, guided missiles, projectiles, mortars, projected grenades, rifle grenades, submunitions, and bombs.

UXO poses a risk of injury or death to anyone in the vicinity. To lessen the danger of UXO hazards and to help prevent placing others at future risk, certain precautions and steps should be taken by anyone who encounters UXO.

UXO SAFETY AND REPORTING PROCEDURES

UXO Safety Warnings:

- When you see UXO, stop. Do not move closer.
- Never transmit radio frequencies (walkie talkies, citizens’ band radios) near UXO.
- Never attempt to remove anything near a UXO.
- Never attempt to touch, move or disturb a UXO.
- Clearly mark the UXO area.
- Avoid any area where UXO is located.
- If the item is discovered on one of the installation’s ranges, immediately notify **Range Control**, and the **Military Police** who will in turn then notify **Explosive Ordnance** personnel for proper removal/disposal.
- For 24-hour emergency for UXO’s call 911 or 808-655-7112.

REMEMBER THE “3 R’s”



Remember the “3 R’s” of explosives safety:
RECOGNIZE—when you may have encountered a munition.
RETREAT—do not touch, move or disturb it.
REPORT—call 911 or 808-655-7112 and advise the police what you saw and where you saw it.

For more info contact: [Range Control](#) or the [Installation Safety Office](#).