

Additional Munitions Safety Resources

The City of Seaside offers free munitions recognition and safety e-training for anyone conducting ground-disturbing activities, accessed at: www.fortordsafety.com

For information about munitions cleanup at the former Fort Ord, visit: www.fortordcleanup.com



No Metal Detectors

Metal detecting is prohibited on the former Fort Ord due to potential explosive hazards.

Danger

Areas where unexploded ordnance may be present are posted with DANGER signs. Do not enter areas where you see signs like the ones below. Off-road vehicular traffic is prohibited on the former Fort Ord.



If you see a trespasser in a posted warning or danger area on the former Fort Ord, please call the Presidio of Monterey Police (831) 242-7851 or (831) 242-7852. Your call is confidential.



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Military Munitions 3Rs Explosives Safety Guide



If you find an object (or even a piece of one) resembling those shown in this safety guide, don't touch it, mark the location, and call 911 to report the item.

Fort Ord Military Munitions 3Rs Explosives Safety Guide

Introduction

The purpose of this pamphlet is to inform you of the military training activities that took place at the former Fort Ord and to raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may exist.

As a result of the Army's use of military munitions on the former Fort Ord, unexploded ordnance may be encountered during ground disturbing activity in the former Fort Ord property.

Users should be aware of the potential for unexploded ordnance to remain after cleanup and be aware of the potential hazards. To protect yourself, your family, and your neighbors, you should learn and follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety.

Before You Dig

Any activity within the former military munitions areas at former Fort Ord that involves the disturbance of ten cubic-yards or more of soil requires an Excavation Permit from the County or City building department.

Each City, and the County, have adopted digging and excavation ordinances that specify standards and procedures for digging on the former Fort Ord. The intent of these ordinances is to ensure that land owners, developers, and workers are aware of the potential that explosive hazards may still be located on these properties, and to implement appropriate precautions prior to any ground disturbance.

As a condition for excavation permits, all personnel working on the site must also complete munitions recognition and safety training. If a suspect munition item is encountered, it is imperative that all site workers understand the potential hazards, safety precautions, and protective measures in place.

The 3Rs of Explosive Safety

Recognize - Recognizing when you may have encountered a munition is key to reducing the risk of injury or death. If you encounter, or suspect you may have encountered a munition, consider it extremely dangerous. Remember, munitions are sometimes hard to identify.

Retreat - If you encounter or suspect you may have encountered a munition, do not touch, move, or disturb it. Immediately and carefully - do not run - leave the area, following the same path on which you entered. If you can, mark the general area, not the munition, in some manner (e.g., with a hat, piece of cloth, etc.).

Report - When you think you may have encountered a munition, notify local law enforcement - call 911.

DON'T FORGET

Munitions are dangerous and may not be easily recognizable. Never touch, move, or disturb a munition or suspect munition.



History

As an active U.S. Army post, Fort Ord's mission was to train soldiers to protect the interests of the United States. An important part of the mission was infantry and artillery training. As a result of this training, unexploded ordnance may remain in portions of the former Fort Ord.

After reviewing the records of past training activities, the Army identified areas where ordnance may still remain and began conducting investigations and removing ordnance from those areas. Cleanup of all identified areas will not be completed for many years.

Warning: Not to be used for identification.

