

Soldiers and Sailors use land and water across the United States for training to defend our Nation. As a result of this training, ammo may be present on both land and in the water. Ammo includes bombs, artillery shells, grenades and rockets.

No matter what you call it (e.g., explosives, UXO or unexploded ordnance, duds, souvenirs), remember ammo is dangerous and can explode if you touch or move it.

Ammo comes in many shapes and sizes. It may be easy or hard to identify. Ammo can look like a pipe, a soda can, or a car part. Even old cannonballs, rusty ammo, or pieces of ammo can be dangerous. Stay out of areas marked with warning signs. Never go into areas where signs warn there may be ammo or UXO. If you can see ammo, you are too close and can be hurt or killed if it blows up.

Not long ago, some kids saw ammo near their home. Recognizing it could be dangerous, they carefully left the area and told their parents. Their mom called the police and reported what the kids saw and where they saw it. The police called in specially-trained Soldiers, and they destroyed the dangerous ammo. If the kids had touched it, they could have been hurt or even killed. These kids followed the 3Rs: Recognizing the danger, Retreating from the area, and Reporting what they saw. Because they were smart, no one was hurt.

Help keep yourself, your family, friends and neighbors safe by following the **3Rs of Explosives Safety: Recognize, Retreat, Report.**



Don't Forget

- Ammo is dangerous and may not be easy to recognize!
- Avoid areas the military used for training!
- Never get near, touch, move, or disturb ammo!

Follow the 3Rs

Recognize

When you see ammo and that it is dangerous

Retreat

Do not touch it, but carefully leave the area

Report

Call local authorities to report what you saw



For additional information,
see the kids page at

the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website
<https://3Rs.mil>

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3Rs Explosives Safety Guide

Kids & Families Guide



Recognize

Recognizing when you may have seen ammo and that ammo is made to hurt or kill.

Soldiers use ammo in testing and training so they are ready to defend our country. If ammo explodes, anyone nearby could be killed or severely injured.



Because ammo comes in a variety of shapes and sizes, it may be easy or hard to identify. If you see or think you see ammo, do not go near it, remember ammo, even pieces of ammo, are dangerous.

Never touch, move, or disturb ammo. Do not poke it with a stick or throw things at it.

Ammo can be:

- Found anywhere
- Easy or hard to see
- Partially or completely hidden by leaves
- Totally or partially buried in the ground
- Underwater in lakes, streams, or the ocean

Ammo does not become safer with age. Taking ammo as a souvenir to remember a place or an adventure can be a real danger to you, your family, your friends and others.

Even if ammo has been around for years, it may still be dangerous. If someone has ammo as a souvenir, have a parent or teacher report it to the police before someone gets hurt.

Retreat

Do not go near, touch, move, or disturb ammo, but carefully leave the area.

If you see ammo in the woods, a field or anywhere, do not go closer to get a better look, even to get a better description. Instead, avoid getting yourself or your friends hurt or killed by carefully leaving the area. If you can, follow the same path you used going into the area when you exit the area.

Remember:

- NEVER go near ammo—it could explode if you get too close
- NEVER touch, move or disturb ammo
- NEVER throw anything at ammo
- NEVER explore restricted areas

Remember, never get near, touch, move, or disturb ammo!



Report

Tell your parents, a teacher, or the police what you saw and where you saw it.



Protect yourself, your family and friends, if you see what you think may be ammo by immediately telling a police officer, a teacher, or a parent.

Safety is the most important thing!

If you believe you have come upon ammo, tell your parents, a teacher or a police officer as soon as possible. Tell them:

- What you saw and where you saw it
- What it looked like
 - Was it big or small
 - Was it long, or fat like a bucket
 - What color or colors you saw

This will help the police and military ammo experts locate, and destroy the ammo.

