

Background

Newtowne Neck State Park is a 776 acre peninsula in St Marys County, Maryland, surrounded by Breton Bay, St. Clements Bay, and the Potomac River. The Park, established in 2009 to preserve the area's rich natural and cultural heritage, has seven miles of ecologically and recreationally important waterfront. During WW II, munitions related activities occurred in the area that is now Newtowne Neck State Park. The history of the property is being researched to learn more about the munitions activities that took place there. Park visitors are cautioned that munitions may be encountered anywhere.

To date, munitions have only been encountered along the shoreline and in shallow waters offshore from the Park, but they could also be encountered in the upland areas. The munitions encountered were identified by military Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel as unexploded ordnance (UXO).

Visitors to the Park should be aware that munitions may be heavily corroded, partially buried, covered with algae or mud, making them difficult to recognize. All munitions should be considered dangerous, regardless of how long they have been in the environment.

Help protect yourself, your family and your community by learning and following the 3Rs of Explosives Safety.



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Newtowne Neck Information

3Rs Safety Guide

Emergency Contacts

- On land: Call 911
(St Mary's County, Maryland)
- On water: Use Channel 16 (156.800 MHz)

24 hour DNR-Park Watch (800) 825-7275

Contact the Park Office at:
(301) 872-5688
(410) 260-8888 (24 hours)

or review the website at:
www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/newtowne.asp

for additional information.

Learn and follow the 3Rs
of explosives safety



Visit the US Army's Explosive Safety Education website:
www.denix.osd.mil/uxo



Follow the 3Rs



Recognize

Recognize when you may have encountered a munition.

Recognizing when you may have encountered a munition is the most important step in reducing the risk of injury or death. Munitions may be encountered on land or in the water. They may be easy or hard to identify.

To avoid the risk of injury or death:

- ▶ Never move, touch or disturb a munition or suspect munition
- ▶ Be aware that munitions do not become safer with age, in fact they may become more dangerous
- ▶ Don't be tempted to take or keep a munition as a souvenir

Munitions come in many sizes, shapes and colors. Some may look like bullets or bombs while others look like pipes, small cans or even a car muffler. Whether whole or in parts, new or old, shiny or rusty, munitions can still explode. The easiest way to avoid injury or death is to stay out of areas marked with warning signs or charted as restricted.

Retreat

Do not touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.

Avoid death or injury by recognizing that you may have encountered a munition and promptly retreating from the area.

If you encounter what you believe is a munition, do not touch, move or disturb it. Instead, immediately and carefully leave the area by retracing your steps—going out the way you entered. Once safely away from the munition, mark the path (e.g., with a piece of clothing) so response personnel can find the munition.



Report

Immediately notify the police, if on land, or the U.S. Coast Guard, if on navigable waters.

Protect yourself, your family, your friends and your community by immediately reporting munitions or suspected munitions to the police.

Help us by providing as much information as possible about what you saw and where you saw it. This will help the police and military or civilian explosive ordnance disposal personnel find, evaluate and address the situation.

If you believe you may have encountered a munition, call 911 and report:

- ▶ The area where you encountered it.
- ▶ Its general description. Remember, do not approach touch, move or disturb it.
- ▶ When possible, provide:
 - Its estimated size
 - Its shape
 - Any visible markings, including coloring