

DON'T FORGET

Ammo is dangerous, and may not be easy to recognize!

Avoid areas the military used for training!

Never touch, move, or disturb ammo!

REMEMBER THE 3RS

RECOGNIZE: Realize that you may have found ammo

RETREAT: Do not touch, move, or disturb ammo—carefully leave the area, but do not run

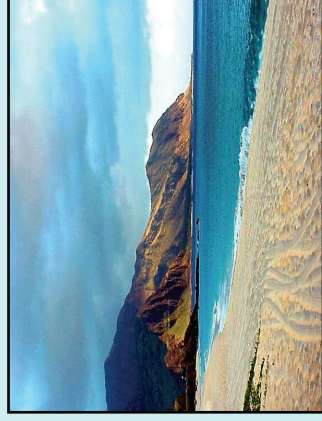
REPORT: Call 911

For additional information on this and related issues, go to the US Army's UXO Safety Education Website www.denix.osd.mil/UXOSafety



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Kids' Explosives Safety Guide for Hawaii



Hawaii offers kids and their families a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Swimming, snorkeling, hiking, camping, sightseeing, and fishing are only some of the ways people enjoy the Hawaiian Islands.

Besides its natural wonders, Hawaii has played an important role in protecting our country since 1913. Hawaii and many other states were used for training soldiers, sailors, and airmen for war. These training activities often left military munitions (ammo), both on land and in the water. Ammo can be bombs, rockets, grenades, and other things used by the military in training and combat. Ammo, whether in one piece or in parts, may be dangerous to you, your family, your friends, and others.

Ammo is sometimes called unexploded ordnance (UXO) or duds. Whatever it is called, you should always remember that it is

dangerous and could explode if you touch or move it.

Help protect yourself, your family and others by practicing the **3Rs**.



Not long ago, some children found some ammo and military equipment near their home. Recognizing what it was, they carefully backed away from the



Ammo Found in the Forest

area and went home to tell their parents. Their mother called the police. Because the ammo was too dangerous to move, it had to be blown up where it was found. The children were smart to follow the **3Rs**. If they had touched the ammo, they could have been badly hurt or even killed. The community should be grateful to these children for following the **3Rs**. Because they followed the **3Rs**, the danger was removed and no one was hurt.

Recognize

Because ammo comes in a variety of shapes and sizes, it may be easy or hard to identify.

If you find or think you have found ammo, remember that it is dangerous. Do not touch, move, or disturb it. Do not poke it with a stick or throw anything at it.

Never Touch, Move, or Disturb Ammo

Recognizing when you have found ammo is one of the most important steps in protecting yourself, your family, and others.



Ammo Found in the Ocean

Ammo is dangerous to anyone that may be near it. It should never be touched, moved, or disturbed. It's important to know that ammo:

- Comes in many shapes and sizes. Some look:
 - New, while others look old and rusty
 - Like bullets or bombs
 - Like pointed pipes, soda cans, balls, or even an old car part
- May be easy or hard to identify
- Is dangerous, even if it is old or small

The military designs ammo to hurt or kill people, and to damage equipment during a war. All

ammo, including its parts, can be very dangerous.

Ammo is Designed to Be Dangerous

Ammo can be:

- Found almost anywhere
- Easy to see on the ground
- Partially or completely hidden by dirt or plants
- Underwater in lakes, streams, or the ocean
- Uncovered by heavy rain
- Difficult to identify because it can be covered with coral or other sea life

Although ammo can be found anywhere, it is usually found where it was destroyed or used by the military in training.

A simple way to avoid getting hurt or killed is to stay out of areas marked with warning signs or shown on maps as “restricted areas.” By doing so, you will avoid areas known or thought to contain ammo.



Hiking or wandering off approved trails on or near battlegrounds or training areas can lead to contact with ammo that can be deadly.

Ammo does not become safer with age—it often becomes more

dangerous. Taking ammo as a souvenir can be a real danger to you, your family, and others.



Hand Grenade (Soda Can Size)

Collecting Ammo as a Souvenir is Dangerous and Has Caused Serious Injury and Death

Ammo taken as a souvenir can kill. Even if it has been around for years, it may still be dangerous. Call 911 and report it before someone gets hurt.

Avoid getting hurt or killed by knowing when you have found ammo

Retreat

and carefully leave the area. Do not run. Instead, slowly leave the area. If you can, leave the area the same way you came into it.

Never:

- Touch, move or disturb ammo
- Go near ammo—it could explode if you come too close
- Throw anything at ammo
- Explore areas where ammo is present

Never Touch Ammo

Report yourself, your family, and others if you found what you think may be ammo by immediately telling an adult like a policeman, a teacher, or a parent.

Give as much information as you can about what you saw and where you saw it. This will help the police and military experts find, evaluate, and destroy the ammo.



Ammo Found in Ditch (About 21-inches Long)

If you believe you have found ammo, report:

- Where you found it
- What it looked like:
 - How big or small
 - Its shape
 - Its color and any writing on it

Remember, Do Not Touch, Move, or Disturb It in Any Way

Call the police (dial 911) as soon as possible if you see something that looks like ammo. If this happens while swimming or snorkeling near the beach, tell a lifeguard or call 911.