

## 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 on 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.



**Examples of Military Munitions at former Fort Ord**

# 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  
Call 911 to Report the Item**

Si descubre cualquier objeto que se asemeje a los que se muestran en este photographia —

**¡NO LO TOQUE!  
MARQUE LA UBICACIÓN  
LLAME A LA POLICÍA AL 911!**



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## DANGER

### 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 at the former fort.

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

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

### Before You Dig

Any activity within former military munitions areas at former Fort Ord that involves the disturbance of ten (10) cubic-yards or more of soil requires an Excavation Permit from the County or City building department.

The County and Cities have each adopted digging and excavation ordinances that specify special standards and procedures for ground disturbing activities on the former Fort Ord ("digging and excavation ordinances"; Monterey County Code Chapter 16.10, City of Del Rey Oaks Chapter 15.48, City of Monterey Chapter 9 Article 8, and City of Seaside Chapter 15.34, respectively ).

The intent of these ordinances is to ensure that site purchasers, developers or workers are aware of the potential that explosive hazards may still be located on these properties, and to ensure that appropriate precautions, including UXO Construction Support, are implemented 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 Explosives 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, or tying a piece of plastic to a tree branch).

**Report** — When you think you may have encountered a munition, notify your 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 suspected munition.

## Learn and follow the 3Rs Of explosives safety



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



### Additional Munitions Safety Resources

The Fort Ord Reuse Authority offers free munitions recognition and safety training through an easy to access eLearning tool. This training is recommended for anyone conducting ground-disturbing activities on former Fort Ord and required for all personnel as a condition for excavation permits.

Munitions recognition and safety training eLearning may be accessed at: [www.fortordsafety.com](http://www.fortordsafety.com).

More information about munitions safety at the former Fort Ord, contact the Fort Ord Reuse Authority by calling 831-883-3672 or the Fort Ord Base Realignment and Closure Field Office by calling 831-242-7919.

For information about munitions cleanup at the Former Fort Ord, visit [www.fortordcleanup.com](http://www.fortordcleanup.com).



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