

BACKGROUND

West Point's history dates back to the Revolutionary War when General George Washington considered it to be the most strategic position in America. Since that time, the United States Army has held West Point making it the oldest continuously occupied military installation in the United States. Due to its strategic role in the Revolutionary War and as the home of the United States Military Academy since 1802, unexploded ordnance (UXO) may be present on virtually any part of the West Point Military Reservation and on some nearby recreational areas.

West Point includes nearly 14,000 acres of training areas and range complexes. Live fire impact/dud areas are marked and off-limits to all personnel. There are numerous recreational areas for hunting, fishing, horseback riding and camping on or near West Point where the potential to encounter UXO from past military activity exists.

Weathering may make munitions, which may be on the surface, buried, or whole or in parts, difficult to recognize. Even old munitions can harm or kill. As such, cadets and others should never touch, move, or disturb anything encountered that may be a munition or part of one. All munitions should be considered dangerous, regardless of how long they have been in the environment or how frequently they have been handled.

Help protect yourself, your family, and your community by learning and always following the 3 R's of Explosive Safety.



WEST POINT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

OUTSIDE RANGE/TRAINING AREAS:

If you encounter a munition at West Point outside of a range or training area, then:

**CALL 911 or
REPORT IT to MILITARY POLICE at
(845) 938-3333**

INSIDE RANGE/TRAINING AREAS:

If you encounter a munition at West Point on a range or inside a training area, then:

**REPORT IT to RANGE CONTROL at
(315) 774-9304**

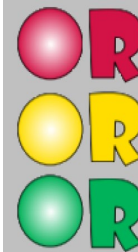


Learn and follow the 3 R's Of Explosives Safety

Visit the US Army's Explosive Safety Education website:

www.denix.osd.mil/uxo

**UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE
(UXO) ON THE WEST POINT
MILITARY RESERVATION**



THE 3 R'S EXPLOSIVE SAFETY GUIDE



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Building 667A Ruger Road
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Garrison/DPTMS/RO](https://home.army.mil/westpoint/about/Garrison/DPTMS/RO)
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FOLLOW THE 3 R'S



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, remember:

- Never move, touch or disturb a munition or suspected 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 may 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 reduce the greatest risk of injury or death is to stay out of areas marked with no entry signs and heed posted warnings. These UXO/Dud Zone areas are where unexploded munitions are most likely to be encountered. But it should be remembered UXO could potentially be encountered anywhere at West Point. Being able to recognize a potential UXO, no matter where it is encountered, is the first step in keeping safe.

Retreat

RETREAT FROM AREA. DO NOT TOUCH, MOVE, OR DISTURB ITEM.

Once you have recognized that you have encountered a munition, avoid injury and death by 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 or flagging) so response personnel can find the munition later.



Report

REPORT TO POLICE: 845-938-3333 or RANGE CONTROL: 315-774-9304

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

Help response personnel 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 the police or range control 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