

Safety Bulletin



Un-Exploded Ordnance UXO OIF SB-016



Every year Service Members are maimed and killed as a direct result of handling UXO's. Every person on the Theater must be able to recognize and react to these hazards. If found, leave them where they are and never pick them up; they are not souvenirs! Additionally, every leader must ensure that all personnel know how to recognize and react to these hazards.

Stay alert, Stay focused, Stay Alive!

General Safety Guidelines:

- Do not move towards a suspected UXO. Once identified use binoculars or other similar items IOT examine the UXO from a safe distance. UXO's can look like small shiny or rusty cans or round metal objects. UXO's may be partially buried in the ground or in brush and could have a ribbon, propeller, or fins attached.
- Never transmit near a UXO; make all radio transmissions at least 100 meters away from a UXO hazard.
- Do not move or disturb a UXO, it could detonate. Do not try to remove anything that is on or near a UXO. Your actions could cause the UXO to detonate.
- Mark UXO hazard areas properly so that other personnel will stay away from it. Proper marking also helps EOD find the area when they respond to your report. Be wary of local inhabitants and what could be a well-intentioned act; this could cost you your life.
- Request that EOD provide familiarization training.

DO NOT TOUCH, KICK, FOLD, STAPLE, BEND, MUTILATE, OR PLAY WITH UXO's

MARK THE LOCATION AND REPORT TO EOD

RECOGNIZE – RETREAT – REPORT ! ! ! !



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