

Safety Alert



Grenade Safety OIF SA-019



In the MND-B Operational Environment we continue to find hand grenades that are not being stored properly and have been taped. Both of these create unsafe conditions for our Soldiers and have resulted in the DEATH of personnel.

As simple as the fragmentation hand grenade may seem, it is a very powerful and dangerous weapon. Leaders and Soldiers must understand the fatal effects that might take place when hand grenades are not properly managed.

Observe general precautions applicable to the use of any explosive or ammunition. More specific instructions to grenade users include the following:

Do not open shipping containers or remove the grenades from shipping tubes until just before use.

Never make modifications to hand grenades to include using tape.



**NEVER apply or remove tape –
Call your supporting QASAS**

Do not remove the safety clip or the safety pin until the grenade is about to be thrown.

Do not attach grenades to clothing or equipment by the safety pull ring or spoon. The safety clip can be removed and reattached to a hand grenade if the safety pin is still in place.

Take special care to replace the pin properly if it has been pulled. If the tactical situation allows, it is safer to throw the grenade rather than to reinserted pin.

WARNING

Although the killing radius of the M67 grenade is 5 meters and the casualty-producing radius is 15 meters, fragmentation can disperse as far as 230 meters.