

# Safety Bulletin



## Safety Bulletin Topic Airsoft Guns OIF SB-031



Air-soft guns otherwise known as BB guns are NOT toys and by most definitions are considered a weapon. Unit leadership is responsible to ensure that proper training is conducted and that these items are controlled and only issued to qualified personnel that have been tested and deemed safe.

These weapons are suitable for the purpose of wild animal and rodent control. Like any weapon, when misused or not treated with respect they can and will cause harm. In the recent weeks these guns have caused serious injuries to Soldiers who were being smart about what they were doing. As with any weapon there are safety precautions.

- Always wear safety glasses or goggles when shooting.
- Store the gun unloaded and in a secure location.
- Do not aim at people even if it is unloaded.
- Do not touch the trigger until the moment of shooting.
- Verify your target and what is beyond that target and shoot on after making sure that there is nobody nearby. Pay special attention to your surroundings when using a airsoft gun.
- Do not brandish, point, or shoot at other people, animals, or private properties. Such actions may be perceived by others (including your fellow teammates) as a threat and they may be prompted to react accordingly. Including disciplinary actions or worse an accident.
- Read the operation manual and fully understand the safe handling of the gun before use.
- NEVER brandish or fire airsoft gun at animal or people doing so could result in
- Do not look directly into the gun barrel.
- Do not disassemble or modify airsoft gun. Removal of the orange safety barrel marking is a federal offense.
- Store the gun unloaded, remove batteries, discharged any gas or spring tension, and in a safe locked location.
- Always install safety barrel plug when you are not using the airsoft gun.
- Be a responsible and professional Soldier.

Remember the airsoft gun is just that, a weapon that must be treated with respect. These weapons shoot with a mussel velocity between 200 and 400 feet per-second. This is enough speed to penetrate the skin or take out an eye.

