

BACKGROUND

Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center was established as a National Guard training site in 1931. Over the years, it has served as home to the Pennsylvania National Guard and active units of the U.S. Army. Since 1940, most of its more than 19,000 acres have been leased to the federal government for military training purposes. It has played a strategic role in training troops for deployment in World War II and the Korean War.



Current activities at Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center include a state-of-the-art helicopter training center, an educational complex for combat arms training, and several firing ranges and maneuver areas, including an air-to-ground bomb range. Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center provides training for more than 100,000 troops year-round and serves as the only live-fire, maneuver military training facility in Pennsylvania.

There are 50 training areas located throughout the installation. Due to the nature of the range activities, munitions may be present across the installation and include hand grenades, mortars, projectiles, practice and high explosive bombs, artillery shells, and rockets.

Munitions present may be heavily corroded, whole or in parts, buried, or covered with leaves, making them difficult to recognize. Do not approach, touch, or disturb anything encountered that may be a munition or part of one, but carefully leave the area and contact the Range Operations Fire Desk or Fort Indiantown Gap Police to let them know what you saw and where. Consider munitions dangerous, regardless of how long they may have been in the environment. Help protect yourself, co-workers and the public from potential explosive hazards present by following the **3Rs of Explosive Safety**:

Recognize, Retreat, and Report



Hand Grenade

3Rs Explosives Safety Guide

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP TRAINING CENTER

IF YOU ENCOUNTER MUNITIONS

Emergency Contacts

Cantonment Area

Call the Fort Indiantown Gap Police	(717) 861-2727
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On Training Ranges

Call the Range Operations Fire Desk	(717) 861-2152 or (717) 861-2153
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Anywhere Else

Call 911 or local authorities



Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety



Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:

<https://3Rs.mil>

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Artillery Projectile





155mm Projectiles



81mm Mortar

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

Recognize when you may have come across a munition, and that munitions are dangerous;

Retreat do not approach, touch, move, or disturb a suspect munition, but carefully leave the area; and

Report immediately what you saw and where you saw it to emergency contacts on the back of this guide.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What are military munitions?

A: Military munitions are material used by our Nation's Armed Forces to defend the United States. Military munitions are dangerous by design. They are made to kill or injure enemy forces



or damage enemy equipment. When military munitions do not function as intended (do what they are supposed to do) during use, they become unexploded ordnance or UXO.

Q: What do military munitions look like?

A: Military munitions come in many different sizes, shapes, and colors. Their size and shape depends on how the military intends to use them. For example, rounds used to train soldiers on crew-served weapons, like tanks and artillery, are large. Rockets, fired from aircraft or ground vehicles, can vary in size, as can bombs dropped from aircraft. Other types of munitions include grenades, practice mines, submunitions, simulators, and pyrotechnics. Weathering changes the appearance of military munitions making them more difficult to spot or recognize.

Q: Where could I encounter military munitions?

A: You are most likely to encounter munitions in areas where the military conducts or formerly conducted live-fire training or testing with military munitions, but they also may be encountered in other areas. The vast majority of military munitions, however, are in impact areas of both operational and former ranges. Because of changing military needs, many locations once used by the military during training are now used by the public for other purposes, such as recreational areas. Many of these locations are no longer on military installations.

Q: What do I do if I come across a military munition?

A: If you suspect you have come across a military munition, the best way to ensure your safety is to follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety:

Recognize — when you see a munition and that it is dangerous;

Retreat — do not touch it, but carefully leave the area; and

Report — call Range Operations Fire Desk at (717) 861-2152 / 2153 or the Fort Indiantown Gap Police at (717) 861-2727 to tell them what you saw.

Remember, military munitions may be encountered anywhere. Should you come across a munition or suspect you may have, follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety.



Artillery Training at Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center



Globemaster III over Bollen Live-Fire Range