

Explosive Ordnance Safety Brief

- **Because of the previous and current military use of this site all staff are required to receive an Explosive Ordnance Safety Brief before conducting work.**
- **This brief will inform staff of the required actions should they encounter Explosive Ordnance or any other suspicious items, it will also provide examples (in photographic form) of some common types of Explosive Ordnance (UXO).**

UXO Hazard

- **RAF Theddlethorpe was a bombing and gunnery range believed to date back to 1935.**
- **The range has been used for a wide variety of munitions, typically small arms, cannon rounds, rockets, mortars, practice bombs and large bombs**
- **Some areas of the site have been subject to UXO clearance activity, this was intended to reduce the UXO hazard and does not guarantee 100% clearance of UXO.**

UXO Sensitivity

- **The vast majority of ordnance impacted on this range will have been inert training variants.**
- **Where live ordnance was used most will have functioned as intended.**
- **Some will have failed to function and become UXO.**
- **It is important to note that contact with UXO is very unlikely to lead to an energetic event. However, striking, hitting, attempted dismantling or similar activity will increase the likelihood of such an event**

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- **Risk Assessments for all tasks on this site should consider UXO as a potential hazard.**
- **Intrusive works should be the subject of additional control measures and should not be undertaken without the specific permission of the Site Manager.**

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Actions to be taken by any person encountering ordnance or other suspicious items during a visit;

- **Do not move or touch the item.**
- **If the item is in an excavator bucket leave it there, lower the bucket to ground and then turn off the excavator engine.**
- **Evacuate personnel from the immediate area.**
- **Enforce an exclusion zone and cordon.**
- **Inform line manager, site manager and security personnel as appropriate.**

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Actions to be undertaken by line managers and site managers;

- **Confirm the identification of the item as suspicious.**
- **Confirm the evacuation of all personnel from the immediate area.**
- **Enforce the exclusion zone and cordon.**
- **Ensure that the item is reported to the police who will instigate Explosive Ordnance Disposal if required.**

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- **Please now view the following series of photographs which provide examples of some of the more common types of Explosive Ordnance found on military areas.**



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***Various types of Small Arms Ammunition
and other ordnance related items***



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Various pyrotechnics including smoke grenades



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Smoke grenade



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High explosive grenade



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Mortar bombs



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Artillery projectile



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3.5 inch High explosive anti tank rocket



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Anti personnel landmine



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Anti vehicle landmine



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German incendiary bomb



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German anti personnel bomb



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German air dropped high explosive bomb



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Practise bomb - before use



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Practise bomb – after use



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Air dropped high explosive bomb

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- **Explosive Ordnance is manufactured in a vast range of shapes and sizes, the examples shown do not therefore provide a definitive list of all the available Explosive Ordnance items.**

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- *Finally if you have any suspicions whilst on site;*
 - **DO NOT TOUCH OR MOVE THE ITEM.**
 - **EVACUATE THE AREA.**
 - **ENFORCE THE EXCLUSION ZONE AND CORDON.**
 - **REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS TO THE LINE MANAGER, SITE MANAGER AND SECURITY PERSONNEL.**