

## Introduction

The Army first established Fort Ord as an Army training center in 1917. DoD closed Fort Ord in 1994. The Army conducted live-fire training and other munitions-related activities at Fort Ord between 1917 and 1994. Because of this live-fire training and munition-related activities military munitions may remain present on the surface and within the subsurface of the former Fort Ord.

After reviewing records of past training activities, the Army identified areas where munitions may be present and implemented munitions response efforts (cleanup) to remove munitions from the surface and subsurface of the Former Fort Ord. The Army's ongoing cleanup supports the reuse plans the local community selected. The conventional munitions encountered at Fort Ord include artillery projectiles, rockets, hand grenades, practice land mines, pyrotechnics, bombs, demolition materials and other munitions used by the Army.

Munitions, which may be encountered anywhere, should be considered dangerous. They may be heavily corroded, whole or in parts, buried, or covered with leaves, making them difficult to recognize. Should you suspect that you have encountered a munition, never approach, touch, move or disturb it. Even old munitions can detonate causing severe injuries or death. If visiting the former Fort Ord National Monument, learn and follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety.



Surface munitions debris at the former Fort Ord

## Former Fort Ord Army Installation

### Emergency Contacts

If you encounter or suspect you have encountered a munition:

- Do not approach, touch or disturb it!
- Mark the location near the munitions
- CALL - 911
- Leave the area carefully, the way you entered

Danger signs are posted around areas where munitions may be present. Do not enter these areas. Off-roading is prohibited on the former Fort Ord.

If you have questions about the Army's cleanup efforts at the former Fort Ord visit [www.FortOrdCleanup.com](http://www.FortOrdCleanup.com) or call 1-800-852-9699.

### Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

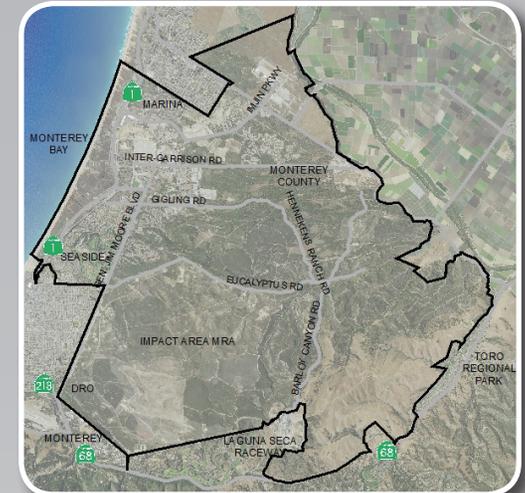


Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:  
[3Rs.mil](http://3Rs.mil)

## 3Rs Safety Guide

### Former Fort Ord Army Installation

California  
Monterey County



# Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety



Historical Photograph of Fort Ord

## Recognize

**Recognize when you may have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous.**

Recognizing when you may have encountered a munition is the most important step in reducing the risk of injury or death. Munitions may be encountered on land or in the water. Although munitions may be present almost anywhere, they may be easy or hard to identify.

To avoid the risk of injury or death:

- Never move, touch or disturb a munition or suspect munition.
- Be aware that munitions do not become safer with age, in fact they may become more dangerous.
- Don't be tempted to take or keep a munition as a souvenir.

Munitions come in many sizes, shapes and colors. Some may look like bullets or bombs while others look like pipes, small cans or even a car muffler. Whether whole or in parts, new or old, shiny or rusty, munitions can still explode. The best way to avoid injury or death is to stay out of areas marked with warning signs or charted as restricted.

## Retreat

**Do not touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.**

Avoid death or injury by recognizing that you may have encountered a munition and by promptly retreating from the area.

If you encounter what you believe is a munition, do not approach, touch or disturb it. Instead, immediately and carefully leave the area by retracing your steps—going out the way you entered. Once safely away from the munition, mark the path (e.g., with a piece of clothing) so response personnel can find the munition.



## Report

**Notify the police at 911.**

Protect yourself, your family, your friends and your community by immediately reporting munitions or suspected munitions to the police.

Provide as much information as possible about what you saw and where you saw it. This will help the police and military or civilian explosive ordnance disposal personnel find, evaluate and address the situation.

If you believe you may have encountered a munition, report:

- The area where you encountered it.
- Its general description. Do not approach, touch, move or disturb it to get a better description.
- When possible, describe its
  - Estimated size
  - Shape
  - Visible markings, including coloring