Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

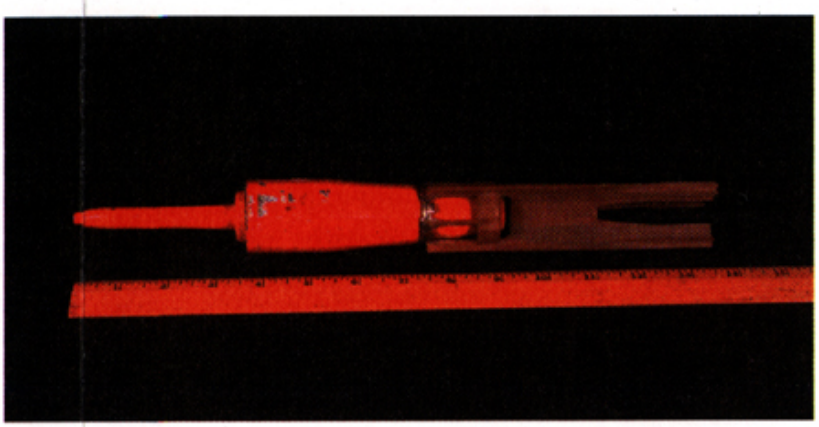
Extremely Dangerous

Some explosives may actually look like bombs. Most do not. This is what makes them so dangerous. Only an expert can tell if a piece of missile debris contains explosives or flares.

Explosives come in many shapes, sizes, and colors. Some are hidden in electronic devices and other metal spheres which children might mistake for toy balls. Some are bright and shiny while others are painted or rusted. Equally dangerous are flares which may have been dropped by planes or helicopters. Flares have the potential of bursting into an instant ball of flame with temperatures of thousands of degrees.

Pictured here are some of the devices found on the Range which contain explosives or which can cause severe burns if they ignite. If you enter a remote area, be sure to warn your children and do not allow them to play unsupervised. Some of these items might look like toys to youngsters. Simply rolling them over might cause them to explode.

Do not move any object you might find!
Note its location and report it to the proper authorities.



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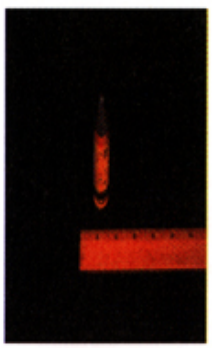
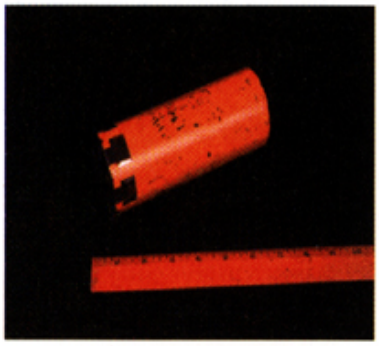
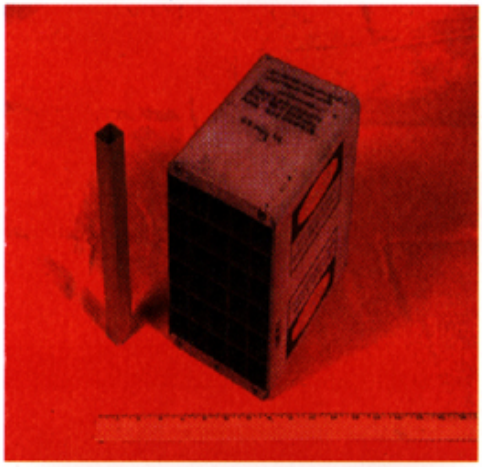
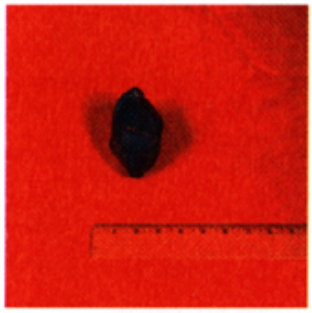
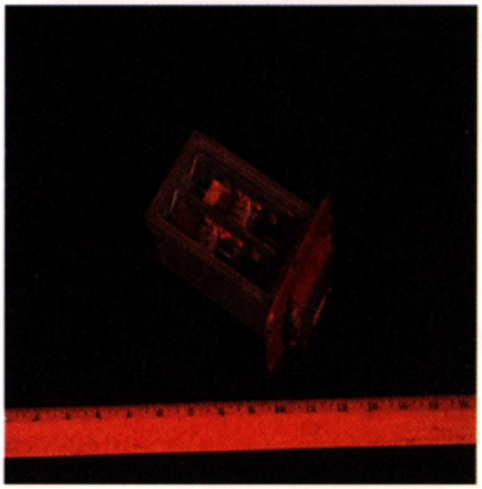
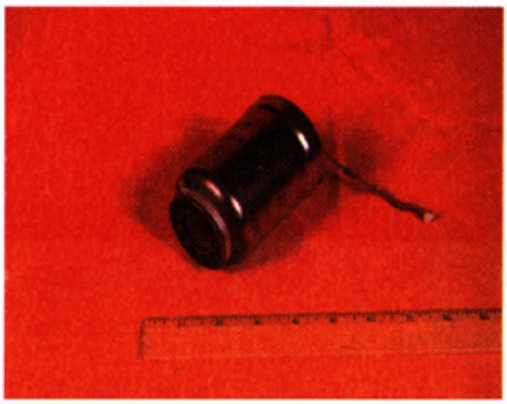
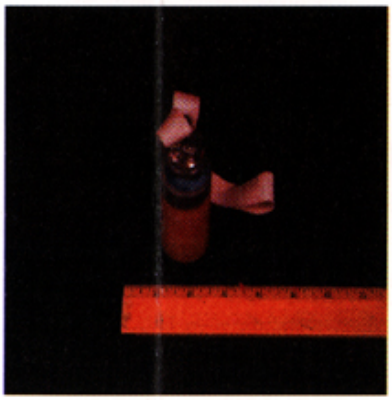
Do Not Touch!

The bomblets, detonators, flares, shells, and fuzes shown here are only a few of the explosives which can cause injury or death.

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Emergency Support Phone Numbers

To report UXO or an emergency from any Range phone, call 911

To report UXO or an emergency from any cellular phone, call ..... (505) 678-1234

For ground safety support and accident report of any type:
Call (during duty hours) 678-1211
Call (after duty hours) 678-1234

For Your Safety

Significant areas of the Range are known to be contaminated with unexploded ordnance (UXO). Other areas are potentially contaminated or occupy safety exclusion zones and may have been contaminated by accident or past testing. All of these areas present a real hazard and you must proceed carefully when in or near any area identified as a hazardous area.

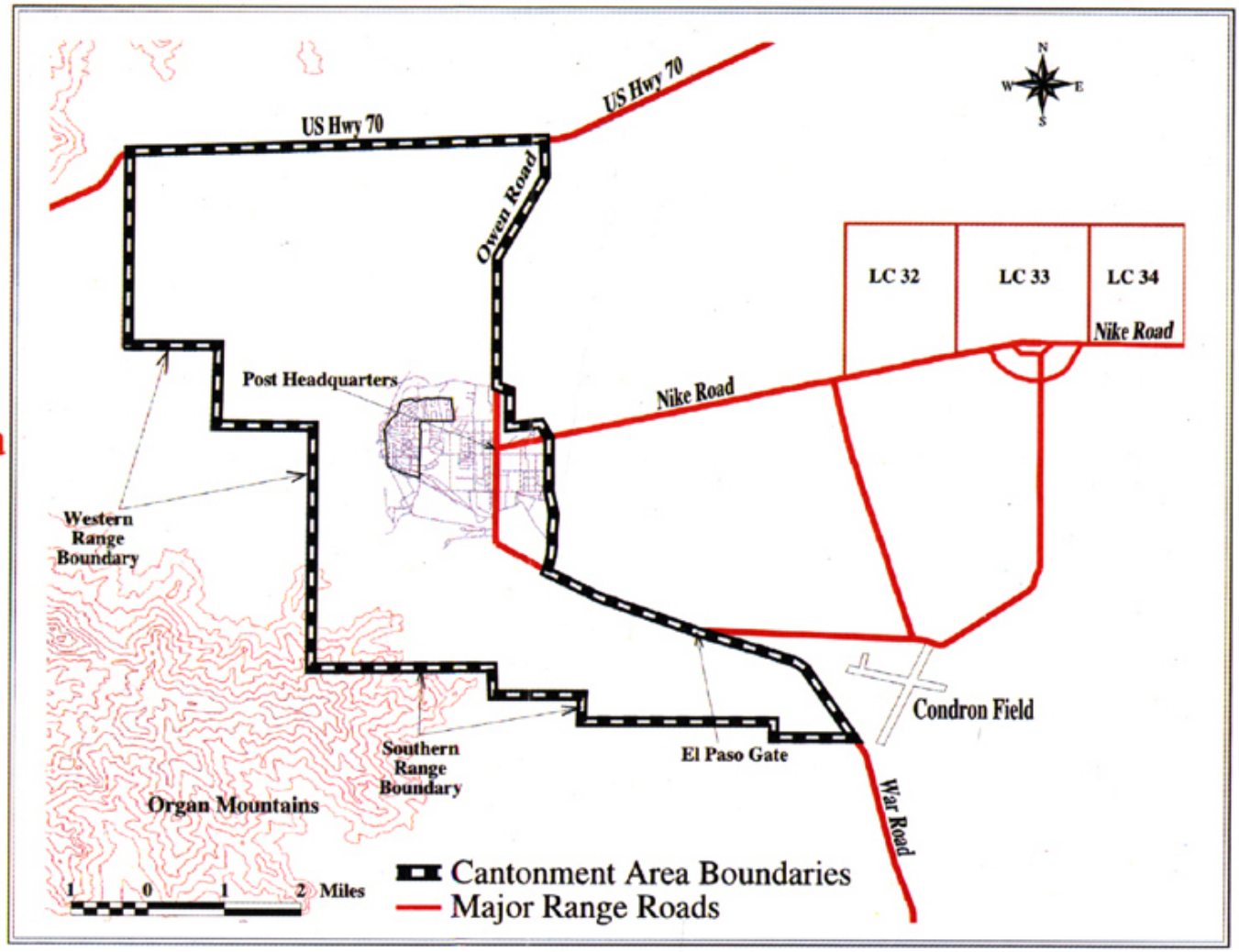
If you see man-made debris anywhere on the Range, avoid them. If they look like ordnance items, immediately report them to your escort, sponsor, or supervisor without disturbing them or the surrounding area.

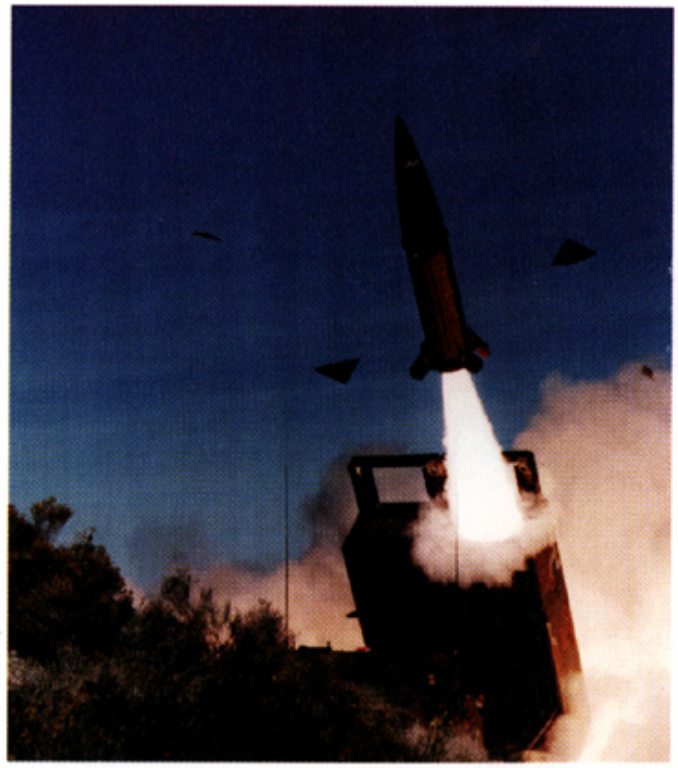
This brochure provides you with the phone numbers of Range support activities to call in the event you believe that you have observed or located possible UXO items. Emergency support phone numbers are also provided for your use.

Do not touch any metallic devices or any items such as those pictured in this brochure. They could be dangerous.

Extended Cantonment Area

Do not proceed beyond the extended canton-ment area without a UXO Range Hazards Card or an escort.



Missile and Target Debris

Occasionally, missile malfunctions result in test debris inside Range boundaries. Despite extensive efforts to recover these items, it is impossible to locate them all. While it is unlikely you will uncover any test item or missile debris, the possibility does exist. This brochure has been designed to help you recognize types of devices containing explosives that might be found on the Range. Some of these devices may be innocent-looking metal boxes which actually contain explosives, flares, or detonators. Any of these items, as well as the antipersonnel bomblets, may explode if moved. If you find any debris that looks like an ordnance item, note its location and report it by calling one of the phone numbers provided in this brochure. Personnel from the Range will be summoned to take care of it.