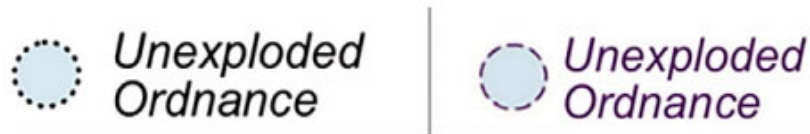


Unexploded Ordinance

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Unexploded ordnances (UXO) are explosive weapons (bombs, bullets, shells, grenades, mines, etc.) that did not explode when they were employed and still pose a risk of detonation. Ocean disposal of munitions was also an accepted international practice until 1970, when it was prohibited by the Department of Defense. In 1972 Congress also passed the [Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act](#) banning ocean disposal of munitions and other pollutants.

Known areas with unexploded ordinance are shown on nautical charts.



But there could also be uncharted danger areas. You should not fish in these areas. If you pull up something in a fishing line or net, do not bring it aboard. Return it to the depths and note the location.

Immediately report discovery to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802 to ensure a proper response and potential recovery. Notify the Coast Guard on VHF Channel 16.

You can find an explosives safety guide here: https://www.denix.osd.mil/uxo/denix-files/sites/72/2019/03/1_3Rs-Guide-Maritime-2013-small.pdf