

## HISTORY

Originally called Huntsville Arsenal, the installation was established in 1941 as a chemical weapons manufacturing and ordnance plant during World War II. It was renamed Redstone Arsenal in 1943. By 1949, the U.S. Army needed land to develop and test rocket systems and designated Redstone Arsenal as the Ordnance Rocket Center. During the Korean War, around 39 million rounds of chemical artillery munitions were produced at Redstone Arsenal. In the 1960s and 1970s, Redstone Arsenal workers were involved in the arms race between the United States and the Soviet Union. In August 1962, the U.S. Army Missile Command, with 19 major missile systems, was activated at Redstone Arsenal.



Redstone Arsenal today serves as the center of testing, development, and doctrine for the U.S. Army's missile programs. Approximately 25,500 acres of Redstone Arsenal are used as training ranges and test areas, including 9 research and development ranges, 4 light demolition ranges, 1 heavy demolition range, and more than 7,000 acres for light maneuver training.

Due to the nature of the range activities, munitions may be present across the installation. These may include hand grenades, mortars, projectiles, practice and high explosive bombs, artillery shells, and rockets. Many munitions blend in with the environment and may be hard to see. Some areas are closed to hunting due to known explosives hazards, but munitions may remain in other areas.

Hunters at Redstone Arsenal must possess an Alabama hunting license and complete a state-approved hunter education course. Additionally, hunters must: obtain a hunting permit; register and check in and out through the HuntTrac online portal; complete the hunter orientation course; and register firearms with the Provost Marshal's Office. Hunters are responsible for knowing where they are at all times and should refer to the latest hunting map and signs/markings to ensure they stay within the hunt boundary.

Munitions present may be heavily corroded, whole or in parts, buried or covered with leaves, making them difficult to recognize. Do not approach, touch, move, or disturb anything encountered that may be a munition or part of one, but carefully leave the area. Consider munitions dangerous, regardless of how long they may have been in the environment. Help protect yourself from potential explosive hazards by following the **3Rs of Explosives Safety: Recognize, Retreat, Report.**



250lb Bomb

## 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 the emergency contacts in the table below.

## IF YOU ENCOUNTER MUNITIONS

### Emergency Contacts

#### On Redstone Arsenal

Call 911. Inform the dispatcher that you are located on Redstone Arsenal.

#### Off Post

Call 911

Visit the U.S. Army's  
Explosives Safety Education website:  
<https://3Rs.mil>

USAG Redstone Arsenal – Safety Office  
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## 3Rs Explosives Safety Guide

# REDSTONE ARSENAL

## Hunters





# Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety



Bazooka Training Round



60mm Mortar Round

## Recognize

**When you see a munition and that it is 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. They may be easy or hard to identify. Although munitions may be

present almost anywhere, hunting area maps identify areas of highest risk.

To avoid the risk of injury or death:

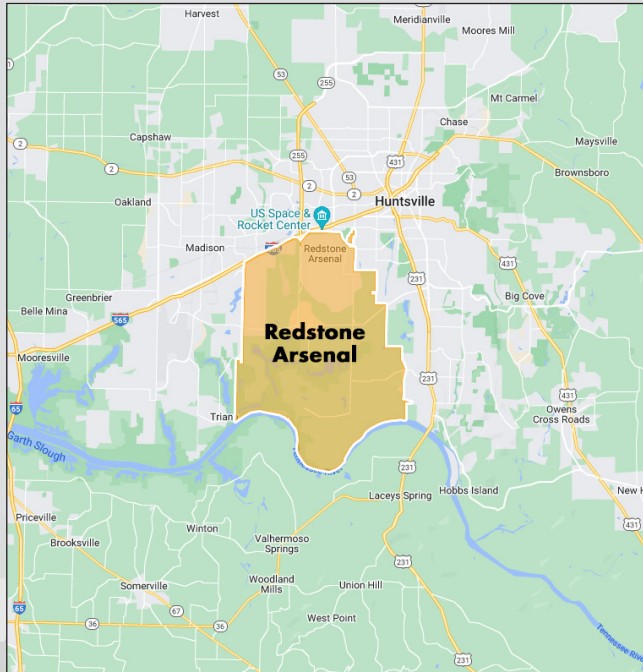
- Never approach, touch, move, or disturb a munition or suspect munition.
- Be aware that munitions do not become safer with age.
- Don't be tempted to take or keep a munition as a souvenir.

Munitions come in many sizes, shapes, and colors. Some may look like bullets or bombs, while others may 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 marked areas with no entry signs, heed posted warnings, and stay in designated hunting areas.

## Retreat

**Do not touch 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, move, 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 if possible (e.g., with a piece of clothing) so response personnel can find the munition.



## Report

**Call 911 to tell the police what you saw.**

Protect yourself, your family, your friends, and your community by immediately reporting munitions or suspected munitions. Help improve the safety of future hunts by providing as much information as possible about what you saw and where you saw it.

If you believe you may have encountered a munition, call 911. Inform the dispatcher if you are located on Redstone Arsenal. 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



20mm/40mm Rounds and Fuses