



United Nations Mine Action Service
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GENERAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

DO NOT TOUCH



WHITE PHOSPHORUS (WP)

Description: White phosphorous ammunition is designed to ignite on contact with air and produce large amounts of smoke.

Unexploded WP ammunition is hazardous if handled or tampered with.

If you find any item of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), that you suspect to be WP the following precautions are to be observed.

Report immediately to local authorities

If an accident has occurred with WP, the following **IMMEDIATE ACTION** is to be taken:

CONTACT WITH SKIN

DO NOT REMOVE FROM SKIN

EMMERSE AFFECTED AREA IN WATER or COVER WITH WET CLOTH

KEEP COVERED AND WET UNTIL MEDICAL ATTENTION IS RECEIVED

CONTACT WITH CLOTHING

REMOVE EFFECTED CLOTHING IMMEDIATELY (Avoid contact with bare skin)

EMMERSE AFFECTED CLOTHING IN WATER OR COVER WITH SOIL/SAND

ONCE EFFECTED CLOTHING HAS BEEN REMOVED, CHECK FOR ANY SKIN CONTACT

In all cases where injuries maybe a result of WP contact seek medical attention immediately.

