



USACR/Safety Center Mission

The United States Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center (USACR/Safety Center) supports our Army by collecting, analyzing and communicating actionable information to assist Leaders, Soldiers, Families and Civilians in preserving/protecting our Army's combat resources.

USATCES Mission

The mission of the United States Army Technical Center for Explosives Safety (USATCES) is to preserve warfighting capabilities and enhance the force by providing a safe and healthy environment for Soldiers, Civilians, Families, and Contractors through execution and management of the U.S. Army Explosives, Chemical Agent, and Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Safety Programs.



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Defense Ammunition Center
<http://www3.dac.army.mil/>

Defense Ammunition Center Training
<http://ammo/okstate.edu/>

AR 385-10, The Army Safety Program
http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/R385_10.PDF

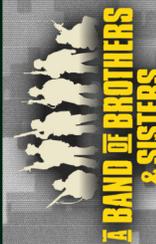
DA PAM 385-64, U.S. Army Explosives Safety Program
http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/P385_64.PDF

DA PAM 385-40, Army Accident Investigations and Reporting
http://armypubs.army.mil/epubs/pdf/P385_40.PDF

AmmoHelp
<https://dac.jmc.army.mil/AmmoHelp/OpenAccess/AskQuestion.aspx>



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TOP 10 EXPLOSIVES SAFETY QUESTIONS

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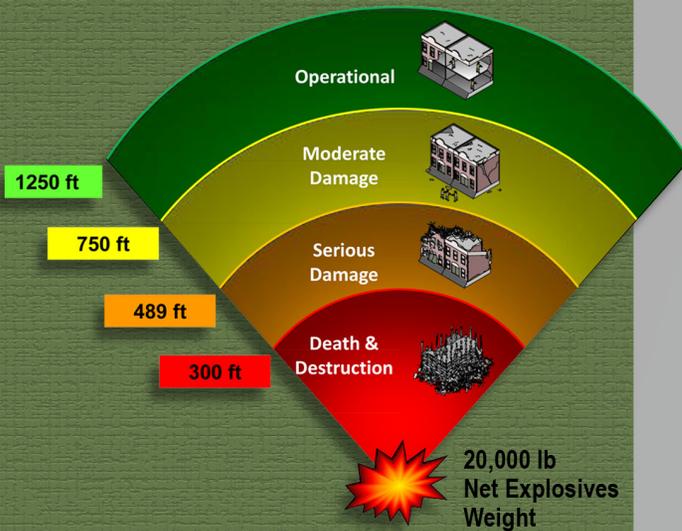


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Cardinal Principle of Explosives Safety

- Exposing the **MINIMUM** amount of personnel
- To the **MINIMUM** amount of explosives
- For the **MINIMUM** amount of time



Explosives Safety Top 10 Questions Commanders Should Ask

1. Who on my staff is responsible for our Explosives Safety Management Program (ESMP); what resources do they have to execute the ESMP at all echelons and are they empowered to manage the resources; what local governing document(s) guide our ESMP, from what regulations are they derived?

2. What policies/procedures/programs do we have to assure that all ammunition personnel are adequately trained and qualifications are current; what process is in place to develop, write, and review standing operating procedures for explosives operations (i.e. who, what, when, where and why)?

3. Which of our facilities have an ammunition and explosives (A&E) mission; what is the status of those facilities with regard to approved Explosive Site Plans, are they licensed; when were the licenses reviewed and what is the status of our installation/base map depicting A&E locations with associated quantity distance (QD) arcs, where is my copy?

4. Of those facilities that deviate from explosives safety standards, what is the status of a Certificate of Risk Acceptance (CoRA), who has accepted the risk, is this the right level and in the case of new construction, who has approved a Certificate of Compelling Reason (CCR)?

5. What planned/ongoing/new construction or modifications do we have that impacts or is impacted by explosives safety considerations?



6. When was the last DDESB/DA/ACOM/ASCC/DRU explosives safety review, what were the results (any pending actions); what is our A&E facility inspection program, what deficiencies affect explosives safety, how are they tracked/prioritized?

7. When was the last physical security assessment conducted, what shortfalls do we have for A&E physical security; and how many security category I&II facilities do we have?

8. What local governing document guides the execution of our Amnesty Program (i.e. where are our collection points, who checks them, how often are they checked, etc.)?

9. Should we have an A&E mishap, what plan do we execute (i.e., notification checklist, evacuation procedures, recall procedures, UXO/EOD support, etc.); how does our community relationship program interface beyond the installation boundary; which facilities are governed by 40 CFR/RCRA/Waste Munitions Program and what is the status of EPA licenses for storage and treatment of waste munitions?

10. What keeps me out of the media spotlight? (for explosives safety and liability for items addressed above)

