



Safety Alert Message

U.S. Army Forces Command

During a recent incident in Iraq, three service members were injured, one losing an arm, while removing adhesive tape from the safety device of a DWBS (MK 141 Flash Bang).



Accident Site

MK 141 Flash Bang –
Note the White Band



This munition is **restricted** from use
by all the Services as of 2006

- Do Not tape the safety lever or safety pin!
- Do Not bend, tamper, modify or otherwise alter the safety pin or safety lever
- Grenade safety devices are designed as part of the grenade to keep **YOU** Safe!



NEVER apply or remove tape – Call your supporting QASAS



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SUBJECT: Safe Handling of Grenade Type Ammunition

1. During a unit ammunition turn-in, a Soldier attempted to remove duct tape from around the fuze of a MK 141 MOD 0 "Flash Bang" (1375-DWBS). While removing the tape, the Soldier accidentally pulled the pin and the charge exploded taking part of the Soldier's arm off and causing severe shrapnel injuries to his leg and face. Two other Soldiers also sustained injuries.

2. As with any type of ammunition, grenades should always be handled with extreme caution. Personnel should never attempt to remove tape from any grenade type ammunition item. The MK 141 MOD 0 "Flash Bang" is restricted from use by all military services. Units must turn-in all MK 141 MOD 0 "Flash Bang" to their servicing Ammunition Supply Point. Personnel must remember the following when handling grenades:

- Do **NOT** tape the safety lever or safety pin!
- Do **NOT** bend, tamper, modify or otherwise alter the safety pins or safety levers.
- Grenade safety devices are designed as part of the grenade to keep **YOU** safe!

NEVER REMOVE TAPE CALL YOUR SUPPORTING QASAS OR EOD

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Grenade, Hand M67 - Taped



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