

Awareness
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Landmine Awareness

Objectives

- Types of mines
- Where they are likely to be found
- Warning clues
- What to do if.....when
- Advice to drivers



Anti-personnel Mine



Victim of the Landmine Explosion



Types of Landmines



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Another Type of Mine



Locations of Landmines



Where Mines/UXOs May Be Found

- Any conflict area – past or present
- Near military positions
- Alongside tracks
- Entrance to houses
- Around wells and water points
- Within cover.
- Stream crossing points

“On all easy approaches to military camps”

“All camps may have a 50 metre risk radius”.

Warning Clues

- Dead animals
- Holes in the road
- After fighting (Even in “calm” areas)
- Mines, wires, fuses that can be seen
- Unused or overgrown fields
- Overgrown track or disused tracks

WARNING MARKINGS

- ☐ Knotted grass
- ☐ Flags/Crosses on trees
- ☐ Plastic bags, Coke cans on sticks, etc.
- ☐ Anything out of the ordinary.....such as



Emergency Procedures on foot

- Movement Stops
- Inform those around you. Contact your office.....how?
- Note the area – what else can be seen/
- Evaluate the situation
- Do not move – await help.....how long?

If you see a mine...do not

- Panic
- Approach it
- Pull or cut wires
- Leave the track
- Throw rocks at it

Mine Strike !

- Remain calm
- Do not rush to the victim
- Do not follow others
- Call for assistance.....but
- Give 1st aid if possible
- Get out of the area with assistance !

Vehicles

- Ballistic blankets
- Shatter Resistant Film
- Specialist vehicles

Advice to Drivers

- Become Fieldwise !
- Use seat belts – all seats!
- Stay on cleared routes
- Drive more slowly.....

Instructions to Drivers

- 100 metre spacing between vehicles in high risk areas.
- Ensure 1st Aid kits to contain trauma dressings.
- Know routes to nearest hospital !!

Never - Ever !

- o Pick it up
- o Interfere or try to destroy it
- o Accept a device from a child (or adult)
- o Collect souvenirs
- o Take a closer look

SOLUTIONS

- Planning
 - Local Authorities
 - National Staff
 - Local Guides
 - Demining Operations
- Training

Automjeti i Kryqit të Kuq Ndërkombëtar shkeli në minë në Drenicë



Dr. Shpëtim Robaj, që ishte duke punuar vullnetarisht gjatë dy muajve të fundit për të ndihmuar viktimat e plagosura në konflikt, vdiq nga plagët e marra



Victims of Landmine Explosions

Stake Mine - Anti Vehicle Mine



Summary

- Be aware
- Be updated
- Avoidance !
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- Get everyone trained !