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Additional Information for Contractors and Homeowners

Former Camp Elliott,
Tierrasanta and Mission
Trails FUDS
San Diego, CA

This fact sheet has been developed to provide additional information to the contractor and homeowner regarding potential historical military munitions that could remain in the subsurface at the former Camp Elliott, Tierrasanta and Mission Trails Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS). Former Camp Elliott, now known as the Tierrasanta community and Mission Trails Regional Park (MTRP) (refer to Figure 1), operated as a tank, anti-tank, and artillery training/practice range from World War I to the Korean War.

Since the 1980s, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has conducted extensive ordnance investigations and cleanup efforts at the former Camp Elliott.

Suspicious items can be encountered while:

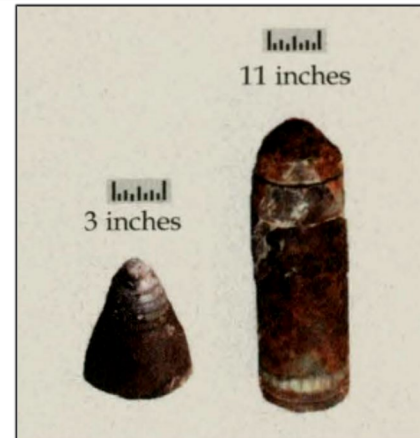
- * Installing underground pools;
- * Installing posts for decking and fencing projects;
- * Digging foundations;
- * Excavating and installing utilities (e.g., cables, piping); and
- * Any other ground disturbing activity.

While the chances of encountering old shells, mortars, and other munitions are slim, you should be cautious of any type of old metal object you may find in the area. Regardless of age, ordnance can still be explosive. With time, these items can become more sensitive and detonations could occur with even the slightest touch or vibration.

Homeowners, and contractors and their personnel should be aware of these hazards before digging in the Tierrasanta community or the MTRP. If any suspicious metal items are found, stop digging immediately, remove yourself and/or personnel from the immediate area, and call 911 to report the findings to local authorities.



These images show only a few of the types of ordnance that could be found at Tierrasanta and MTRP. Not all ordnance types are represented. ANY old metal object could be ordnance.



Safety Counts!

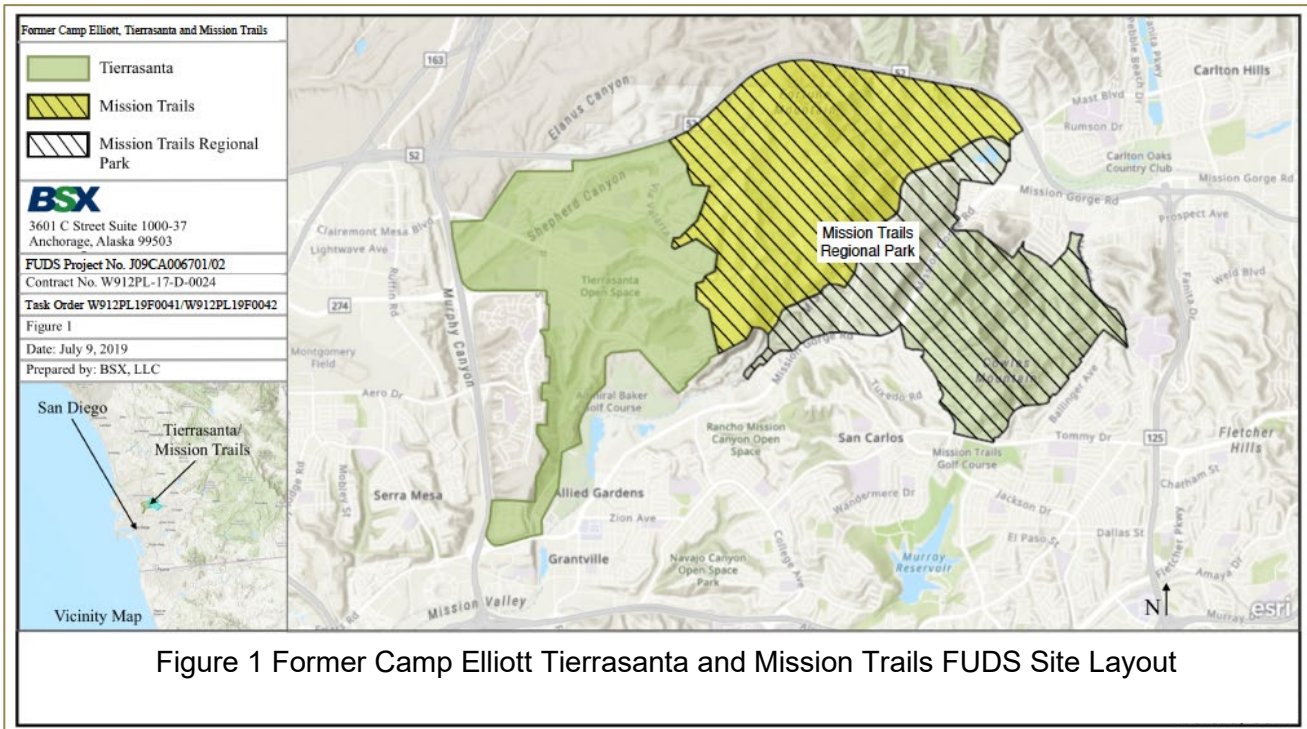
If you suspect that you have encountered any military munitions, be sure to follow the 3Rs of explosives safety.



Recognize you may have encountered a munition.

Retreat from the munition. Do not touch or disturb it; instead move away carefully, walking out the same way you entered the area.

Report what you saw and where you saw it, by calling 911.



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Additional information about former Camp Elliott; the Tierrasanta and Mission Trails Formerly Used Defense Sites; and ordnance safety awareness can be found at the following USACE websites:

<https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Formerly-Used-Defense-Sites/Camp-Elliott/Mission-Trails/>

and

<https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Formerly-Used-Defense-Sites/Camp-Elliott/Tierrasanta/>