



# ABOUT THESE CARDS

These cards are designed to aid visual identification of a selection of Physical Security and Stockpile Management, as well as destruction issues.

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# MASS EXPLOSION

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- UN Hazard Classification
- Ensure items properly marked
- Damage from mass-detonating hazard materials is caused by concussion or blast or by sympathetic detonation

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# FRAGMENTATION

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- UN Hazard Classification
- Ensure items properly marked
- Principle hazards are fragment and blast, either individually or in combination, depending on storage configuration, type of packing, and quantity

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# MASS FIRE



- UN Hazard Classification
- Ensure items properly marked
- Items burn vigorously
- Little or no possibility for extinguishing them in a storage situation



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# MODERATE FIRE

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- UN Hazard Classification
- Ensure items properly marked
- Fire hazard with no blast hazard and virtually no fragmentation or toxic hazard beyond the fire hazard clearance specified for high-risk materials

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FIRE DIVISION 1

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MASS DETONATION



- UN Hazard Classification Storage Facility Markings
- Ensure items properly marked
- Damage from mass-detonating hazard materials is caused by concussion or blast or by sympathetic detonation



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# FIRE DIVISION 2 FRAGMENTATION



- UN Hazard Classification  
Storage Facility Markings
- Ensure items properly marked
- Principle hazards are fragment and blast, either individually or in combination, depending on storage configuration, type of packing, and quantity







# FIRE DIVISION 3 MASS FIRE



- UN Hazard Classification Storage Facility Markings
- Ensure items properly marked
- Items burn vigorously
- Little or no possibility for extinguishing them in a storage situation



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**FIRE DIVISION 4  
MODERATE FIRE**

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- UN Hazard Classification Storage Facility Markings
- Ensure items properly marked
- Fire hazard with no blast hazard and virtually no fragmentation or toxic hazard beyond the fire hazard clearance specified for high-risk materials

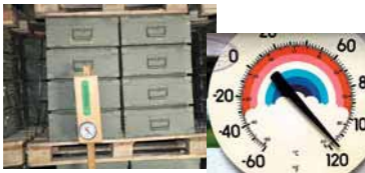
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# TEMPERATURES

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- Avoid extreme high or low temperatures
- Avoid wide temperature variations
- Avoid high or low humidity
- Avoid vibration
- Avoid shock

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# STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES



Should contain:

- Emergency response
- Security procedures
- Accountability
- Inventories
- Training requirements
- Storage information
- Safety
- Surveillance
- Risk assessment



# TRANSPORT CONSIDERATIONS



- Technically safe to transport
- Inspect equipment and personnel
- Check documents
- Vehicle marking
- Original packaging, if possible
- Vehicles should be 50 m apart
- Provide security en route
- Coordinate with law enforcement if needed

## Note:

14% of all ammunition accidents occur during movement or handling



# EXPLOSION CAUSES



- Deterioration
- Carelessness
- Improper storage conditions
- Poor training
- Enemy action, terrorism, or sabotage
- Movement and handling
- Fire
- Lightning





# The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA):



DTRA is the U.S. Department of Defense's official Combat Support Agency for countering weapons of mass destruction.

The Agency addresses the entire spectrum of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high yield explosive threats. DTRA's programs include basic science research and development, operational support to U.S. warfighters on the front line, and an in-house WMD think tank that aims to anticipate and mitigate future threats. DTRA works with the military services, other elements of the United States government, and countries across the planet on counterproliferation, non-proliferation and WMD reduction issues with one goal in mind: Making the World Safer.



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EQUIPMENT RECEIPT (DA FORM 710-2-1)	
1. UNIT Defense Threat Reduction Agency	2. RECEIPT NO. 0012345
3. STOCK NO. 1362-00-0010-2212	4. SERIAL NO. 0012345
5. ITEM DESCRIPTION Pistol, Semi, Beretta, M9	
6. I hereby acknowledge receipt of this equipment from the unit area room (Building 2345, room 123) of this unit.	
7. NAME SMITH, John P.	8. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 000-00-0000
9. SIGNATURE Johnny P. Smith	10. GRADE PFC



DA FORM 3749, JAN 82 Edition of Aug 71 is obsolete.

- Requires daily sight counts
- Facilitates serial number inventories
- Use of receipt cards for each weapon
- Proper record keeping promotes good inventory management

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# INVENTORY

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- Serial Number Inventory
- Conduct monthly inventory
- Use an independent party
- Recorded, filed, and audited by higher command

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# SECURITY SYSTEMS

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- Change codes regularly
- Conduct periodic testing
- Ensure back-up power in case of electrical failure

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# MAINTENANCE

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- Establish and enforce a maintenance program
- Clean debris
- Cut vegetation (15 m)
- Prevent vermin from entering

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# RISK MANAGEMENT

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When evaluating materiel for storage or destruction, use United Nations and NATO models to assess risk based on the following four factors:

- Degree of utility
- Potential casualty or damage effect
- Adaptability
- Portability and potential for theft

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- ONLY man portable "ready-to-fire" missiles and rockets
- Replacement rockets and missiles for the above

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- Light automatic weapons, to include medium machine guns
- Hand or rifle grenades
- Mines



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- Grip stocks for MANPADS
- Guidance or trackers for missiles
- Mortar tubes
- Rocket and missile launchers > 50 kg
- Flame throwers
- Explosive-filled projectiles
- Incendiary grenades

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- Semi-automatic rifles
- Handguns
- Recoilless rifles
- Ammunition
- Fuzes
- Illumination grenades
- Riot-control agents

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## ♠ PRINCIPLES ♠



Determine size and location of stockpiles based on three factors:

- Amount of explosive
- Separation distance
- Type of explosive





# AMMUNITION SURVEILLANCE

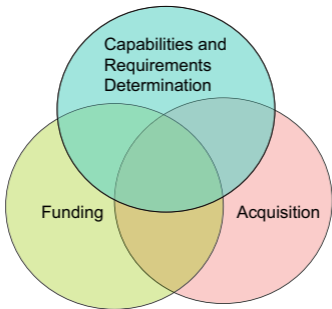


- Inspect visually
- Consider disassembly requirements
- Conduct chemical analysis
- Perform functional testing of components
- Live-fire a representative sample by lot number





# STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT



Assess current capabilities,  
projected goals,  
and where to improve first





## The Regional Approach to Stockpile Reduction (RASR) Initiative



The Regional Approach to Stockpile Reduction (RASR) Initiative is a long-term, coordinated, regional approach to address the threats posed by excess, unstable, loosely secured or otherwise at-risk stockpiles of conventional weapons and munitions.

RASR encourages affected governments and relevant organizations to develop a pro-active, coordinated, regional approach to secure and destroy small arms, by building local capacity, sharing best practices and lessons learned, and synchronizing resources in order to maximize their efficiency.



The ultimate aim of the RASR Initiative is to prevent disastrous explosions or destabilizing diversions of conventional weapons and munitions.

For more information visit our website:  
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# TEMPORARY DISABLEMENT

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Remove and secure:

- Bolts
- Breech blocks
- Grip stocks
- Trackers
- Guidance units
- Firing mechanism
- Critical components

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# MECHANICAL DISMANTLING

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- Stockpile disposal
- Verify destruction of EVERY weapon
- Requires special equipment
- Maintain records of parts
- Recycle or safely dispose of residue

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# OPEN AND CLOSED BURNING



- Stockpile disposal
- Requires specialized equipment; can be field fabricated
- Address environmental concerns
- Best for small arms ammunition
- Recycle or safely dispose of residue



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# TORCH CUTTING

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- Stockpile disposal
- Typically requires minimum of two cuts per weapon
- Removes metal in the process
- Cut all similar weapons in the same pattern
- Remaining parts should be unusable as spare parts
- Recycle or safely dispose of residue

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# OPEN BURNING

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- Stockpile disposal
- Relatively inexpensive
- Requires high-intensity heat over prolonged period
- Address environmental concerns
- Monitor for security and safety throughout
- Field expedient technique
- Recycle or safely dispose of residue

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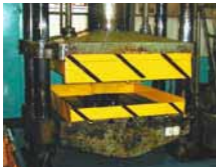
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# HYDRAULIC SHEARING OR BENDING



- Stockpile disposal
- Requires special equipment
- Can achieve high throughput rates
- Maintain destruction records
- Recycle or safely dispose of residue



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# OPEN DETONATION

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- Stockpile disposal
- Address environmental concerns
- Effective for larger caliber and unstable munitions
- Requires highly trained personnel
- Requires large land area

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# MELTING OR SHREDDING

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- Stockpile disposal
- Remove non-metal parts
- Furnace reduces weapons to molten steel
- Suitable only if equipment exists
- Destruction is absolute
- Maintain destruction records
- Recycle or safely dispose of residue

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# FLIGHT RESTRICTIONS



- Flight altitude (200 m minimum)
- Used primarily for open detonation
- Establish process to report violations
- Ensure public safety





# RESOURCE RECOVERY



- Stockpile disposal
- Disassemble ordnance to use components
- New infrastructure can be cost prohibitive
- Industrial capacity and infrastructure required
- High explosive has commercial use
- Address environmental concerns
- Recycle or safely dispose of residue





# OPEN DETONATION



- Stockpile disposal
- Address environmental concerns
- Ensure perimeter security
- Survey after operation to confirm destruction







## The Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA)



The Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement is a division of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (PM/WRA).

The Office develops, implements and monitors policy, programs and public engagement efforts to ...

- curb the illicit proliferation of conventional weapons of war such as light automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades
- remove and destroy other materiel, such as landmines and excess stocks of munitions, which remain persistent threats to local populations and regional stability
- create local, regional and international conditions conducive to peace, stability and prosperity



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## DOORS

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- Door made of steel (or 4.5 cm wood with 12 gauge steel plate)
- Frame anchored to building at 8 places
- Hinges welded to prevent pin removal
- Marked with UN Fire Division symbol
- Doors open OUTWARDS – cannot be rammed
- Light gauge handles break off easily – cannot be used to pull off door
- Door seam covered with metal strip – prevents lever from fitting inside

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# FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

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- Easily seen and accessed
- Only fight fires to save lives
- Conduct periodic checks

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# SIGNS

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- List forbidden items (cell phones, flame-producing items etc)
- Identify restricted areas

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# FENCES AND BARRIERS

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- A barrier within a barrier
- For Category I and II items barriers are WITHIN the installation boundaries
- Clear zones with unimpeded visibility:
  - 4 m inside
  - 10 m outside

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## LOCKS

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- Must protect against manual manipulation (hammers, bars, etc) for at least 15 minutes
- Must protect against powered tools (drills, saws, etc) for at least 5 minutes

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# AISLES

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- Aisles free of obstructions
- Wall clearances (15 cm minimum)
- Aisle widths (46 cm minimum)

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# STACKS



- Store away from hot lights (OSCE: allow 15 cm between box and ceiling)
- Store away from walls – allows checking and air circulation (OSCE: allow 15 cm between stack and wall)
- Banded for security – too heavy to pick up





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## LOT NUMBERS

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- Lot # segregation by date
- Oldest lot # in front (issue first)
- Newest lot # in back
- Segregate lot # by similar storage history
- Use to manage lot testing

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Wood or metal

- Provides air circulation
- Allows equipment access
- Improves stability of stack

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# RACKS



- Bolted or welded together to form a unit too heavy to easily move
- Made of metal
- Lockable
- Easy to see weapon serial numbers





# SECURITY POST



- Armed attendant
- Entrance only to approved staff with a legitimate reason
- Maintain full records of authorizations and access
- Requires communications with safety personnel
- Alert system in place



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## BOXES

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DIRECCION CENTRAL  
DE MATERIAS

ETIQUETA DE SIGLAS

ARTICULO		CANTIDAD		UNIDADES		M6	
COMPARACION DE MATERIAS							
DESCRIPCION							
DATE	NO DE	QUANTIDAD			MATERIA		UNIDAD
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- Inventory card on top of stack
- Loose rounds in brightly colored box
- Stored together by lot #



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# RESOURCES ON THE WEB:

For more information on the importance of Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) and safe surplus destruction, access the following web sites:

- [www.armee.ch](http://www.armee.ch)
- [www.dtra.mil](http://www.dtra.mil)
- [www.iansa.org](http://www.iansa.org)
- [www.namsa.nato.int](http://www.namsa.nato.int)
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