100% Safe SHE ALERT

MORGAN SINDALL CONSTRUCTION

UXO - Discarded 'Drill' Ammunition

A landscaping contractor working on a defence project was carrying out a pre-start visual inspection of their work area prior to bush and shrub removal using a mini excavator with a rotating shredder attachment. During this inspection they discovered ammunition casings within the shrubbery.

Following the discovery the contractor stopped works immediately, vacated the area and informed the Morgan Sindall site team.

Whilst these rounds were later identified as 'Drill Rounds' and not live ammunition the incident highlighted the importance of pre-start inspections, particularly when planning to use powered machinery, and also ensuring a robust procedure for identifying and dealing with UXOs is in place.

Action for projects:

- When working on MOD or other projects where a UXO risk has been identified, ensure that a UXO/Ammunition specialist is engaged to develop a process for discovery of UXO/ammunition.
- UXO Briefings, including small arms ammunition, must be conducted to all those involved with breaking ground activities, or where the ground will be disturbed through activities such as tree and brush removal.
- Ensure subcontractors RAMS include the procedures for discovery of unexploded ordinance.
- A copy of an example UXO briefing is attached to this bulletin for reference.





Drill Rounds

REFERENCE	ISSUED	DISPLAY UNTIL
SHE-ALT-2026/029	JAN 2026	When relevant to site activities