

Important information in case of bomb discovery

What is the danger of unexploded bombs?

Unexploded bombs from World War II continue to pose a significant threat. Many still lie undiscovered in the ground and are found, for example, during soundings for construction sites or during construction work. The explosive devices of unexploded bombs are still intact and, in some cases, more sensitive due to aging. External influences such as vibrations, changes in position or temperature fluctuations can cause them to explode. This is a life-threatening risk. If a bomb is found, immediate action must be taken to remove it as quickly as possible. On site, the detonation expert decides whether the bomb is to be defused or blown up and how large the safety radius must be.

What does safety radius mean?

The safety radius describes the area in which nobody may be present. All roads and access routes to the area of the safety radius will be closed for the duration of the defusing / detonation. Buses and trains are not allowed to travel within the safety radius during this closure. A map of the security radius can be found at www.hansestadt-uelzen.de/bombenfund or at www.facebook.com/Hansestadt.Uelzen

Which roads are in the safety radius and are affected?

A street directory is available at www.hansestadt-uelzen.de/bombenfund and at www.facebook.com/Hansestadt.Uelzen.

Why do I have to leave my apartment?

If you are within the safety radius, you must evacuate or leave the area. This is necessary because of the great danger posed by unexploded bombs. Basically, these are still ignitable explosive devices. In order to exclude any harm to life and limb of the public, for your own safety you must not be near the bomb; the "inner circle". The emergency response authority is obliged to evacuate all persons from this area and can only begin the defusing / detonation when the area is cleared.

Following the instructions of the law enforcement officers enables and speeds up the work of the bomb disposal team. Fines may be imposed.

When do I have to leave my apartment?

You will be informed by loudspeaker announcements and via the media shortly after a bomb is found. Be prepared to leave your home or workplace in the near future: Firefighters and other law enforcement officers will call on you to do so at the appropriate time. If you are outside the cordon, you will not be able to access your home or place of work during the defusing / detonation.

How long do I have to leave my apartment?

It is not possible to say in advance how long the explosive ordnance disposal service will need for the operation. The defusing / detonation must be carefully planned and precisely executed. While the respective detonation expert and his team are specialists in their field, local conditions make each defusing / detonation unique. Here, precise work takes precedence over speed. It is therefore all the more important that the instructions of the law enforcement officers are followed, so that the work can begin as early as possible.

You may be out of your home for several hours. However, it is not generally possible to provide exact times beforehand. You will be informed of the end of the evacuation at the Care Centers and through the information channels listed below.

I do not have the possibility to stay with relatives or friends during the defusing: Where can I stay?

The Hanseatic city establishes Care Centers where you can stay for the duration of the defusing / detonation. Catering is provided there. However, if you or family members are on special diets or require medication (allergy, baby food, etc.), please bring these supplies with you. Take personal documents such as identity cards with you. The Care Centers will be listed at www.hansestadt-uelzen.de and at www.facebook.com/Hansestadt.Uelzen announced.

What do I do if I cannot leave my apartment independently?

Persons in need of care or assistance can be identified and contacted via the home emergency call. Inform emergency personnel at the scene of your condition or the condition of family members or neighbors. Persons in need of assistance can also be reported via the Citizen's Helpline 0581 800 6213, after which they will be evacuated by the emergency services and taken to the Care Center or hospital.

I am in Corona quarantine. What do I do?

Affected individuals should contact the Citizens' Helpline: 0581 800 6213

What happens if my child's school or daycare is affected?

All affected facilities will be notified of the evacuation. They will then inform the parents accordingly about the further procedure. The school or daycare center management can give you more information on this.

What happens to pets?

In principle, you can take your pet to the established care center. Please use appropriate transport boxes for this purpose if necessary. Leashes are compulsory and dogs with muzzles must wear them. If you are outside of the safety radius, you will not be able to retrieve pets from your home. No exceptions will be made in these cases.

Can you stay at home at your own risk?

No, the affected safety radius must be evacuated.

How is it ensured that no one is within the safety radius during the evacuation?

The fire department, police and other rescue organizations will be on duty. After the evacuation is completed, a final check is made to ensure that no one is left behind.

Who carries out the defusing of unexploded bombs?

Special Forces from the bomb disposal team.

Where can I get information (online, Citizen's Helpline, local media)?

Online at www.hansestadt-uelzen.de/bombenfund and on the city's Facebook page www.facebook.com/Hansestadt.Uelzen as well as via local media.

On the Citizen's Helpline: 0581 800 6213