



## Respect The Range – A message from the Ministry of Defence

Accessing Ministry of Defence (MOD) land carries risks to your personal safety. The MOD's Respect the Range guidance sets out simple steps you can take when visiting MOD land to help keep you and our armed forces safe:

- look out for red flags – used to indicate live firing is taking place
- check armed forces [training and firing times](#) before visiting
- pay attention to signage, information displays and red flags
- stick to public footpaths, bridleways and byways
- do not touch any military debris – report its location for safe disposal

From Lulworth to Salisbury Plain, the Scottish Highlands to North Wales, the MOD are custodians of some of the most dramatic landscapes and coastlines in the UK. Much of this land is accessible to the public, but the spaces are used for essential military training. Have you checked your local area?

The MOD encourage you to discover the beautiful and varied expanses that we are proud to steward and maintain, however it's important that you only access the land when and where it is safe to do so. This changes from hour to hour, so always check before visiting and be aware of the live indicators (flags, lights, signage and information displays).

Our armed forces train year-round, at all times of the day. High-paced tactical training exercises often include the use of armoured vehicles, artillery and Defence personnel. Just because you can't hear or see the training doesn't mean it's not taking place. In recent years, more and more people are putting themselves at risk by accessing the land while the armed forces carry out training.

Your safety is our top priority. Help us keep you safe by following Respect the Range guidance.