

APPENDIX F
FLARE SAFETY INFORMATION



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Defensive Training Initiative Environmental Assessment

Fact Sheet



Flares are not toys. They can be dangerous - Do not handle them.

What is a Flare?

Flares are used by Cannon AFB in training. They are composed primarily of magnesium metal and although considerably larger are similar in composition to Fourth-of-July sparklers. Flares are ejected from aircraft at high altitudes and burn completely before they fall to the ground. On rare occasions, a flare may not ignite and fall to the ground intact. The flare is not dangerous if you leave it alone. Flares burn at 2000° F and very serious burns could result! Remember, a flare is designed to simulate the exhaust of a jet fighter!

What does a flare look like?

A flare is an 8" long tube wrapped with tape. It does not have any writing on it.



What to do if you find a flare.

Do not touch the flare! Mark your location and call Cannon AFB at their toll free number 800-446-4595 Ext. 4131. The flare is not dangerous if you leave it alone, but please call the Air Force or Fire Department for proper disposal.