

Catching explosives

Fishing-up explosives or suspected components of explosives is highly dangerous for fishers, but also for others in their surroundings.



Threats

- Explosion danger
- Not recognizing explosives
- Not applying precautionary measures



Step 1: Collective measures

- ✓ Ensure that an explosives card is present (see annex)
- ✓ Immediately report the explosive to the Netherlands Coastguard, even in case of doubt
- ✓ Get the explosive on board as carefully as possible without bumping it, then secure the explosive
- ✓ Do not move the explosive unnecessarily
- ✓ Keep the explosive wet
- ✓ Cover the explosive with a tarp
- ✓ Limit heat and vibrations as much as possible
- ✓ Avoid open flames
- ✓ Never disassemble, move or remove the parts
- ✓ Do not keep the explosive on board longer than necessary
- ✓ Only throw back the explosive in consultation with the Netherlands Coastguard and the Defence Explosive Ordnance Disposal Service
- ✓ Use sonar buoy when throwing back

Step 2: Individual measures

- ✓ Don't smoke

Step 3: Personal protective equipment

- ✓ Immediately report the explosive to the Netherlands Coastguard (vhf-channel 16 / dsc-channel 70 (mmsi 002442000) / mf dsc 2187,5 khz (mmsi 002442000) / telephone 0223 542300 of 0900 0111)