

# BOMB DISPOSAL BRIEF FOR FACILITATORS

<b>Key Themes</b>	Communication and Teamwork
<b>Participants</b>	Unlimited – can be split into numerous teams
<b>Timings</b>	30 minutes plus review
<b>Materials Required</b>	Jar (must have a rim at the top) filled with coloured water (the bomb) Rope/string/masking tape to section off a square around the “bomb” String – used to lift the “bomb” out of the area

## Overview

This activity focuses on working together as a team and effective communication.

## Running the activity

A World War 1 bomb has been discovered when excavating land in preparation to lay some new rail. The participants task is to ‘defuse’ the bomb as they are part of a highly skilled bomb disposal unit.

The group is not allowed to come within 3-4 meters of the bomb. A safety ribbon is used to cordon off the area which is not allowed to be entered. If any part of their body eg and arm/leg crosses into the cordoned area they must be immediately removed from the team as they will be in urgent need of hospitalisation due to radiation being given off by the bomb. Safety of the team members is paramount.

The bomb can only be removed by lifting it out of the area using nothing but the string provided and then transporting it 10 metres without touching the ground and laying it down in a target area (defined by the trainer) without spilling the contents which will cause the bomb to explode.

## Suggested Review Questions

- What worked well/not so well?
- What planning took place?
- What consideration did they give to safety ( eg arms/legs crossing the boundary)
- How effective was their communication?
- Was a leader appointed? Did this/would this have helped?
- Was everyone listened too when sharing their ideas?
- How would they approach the task next time?
- How did they feel throughout the activity?