Landmines come in two varieties: anti-personnel and anti-vehicle mines. Both have caused great suffering in the past decades. Anti-personnel landmines are prohibited under the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction (or Mine Ban Convention), adopted in 1997. More than 150 countries have joined this treaty. Its positive impact includes a marked reduction of casualties, an increased number of mine-free States, destroyed stockpiles and improved assistance to victims.

https://disarmament.unoda.org/convarms/Landmines/

UN Treaties

- Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997
- Status of Ratification: https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?
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UN and related bodies

- UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS): https://www.unmas.org/
  - E-MINE - UN Mine Action: http://www.mineaction.org/
- UN Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) – Landmines: https://disarmament.unoda.org/convarms/Landmines/
- UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) – Landmines: https://www.unicef.org/topics/landmines

UN Observances

- 4 April - International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
Selected UN documents and publications

- UN documents on "Landmines" – click here

Research & Documentation

- Dag Hammarskjöld Library Research Guides
  - Disarmament: http://research.un.org/en/docs/disarmament
- Fact Sheets on Disarmament Issues: https://disarmament.unoda.org/factsheets/
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  - How many types of landmines are there? https://ask.un.org/faq/14489
  - How many landmines are in the ground worldwide? https://ask.un.org/faq/14494
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Non-UN Sources

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