

Are

Nuclear Weapons safe,
even if no-one ever pressed the button ?



Hardly- there are thousands of recorded nuclear weapons accidents during storage and as well as during transportation.

Nuclear weapons are regularly transported by road over and through populated areas including homes, hospitals and schools.



Nuclear weapons generate radioactive waste which is both hazardous and extremely expensive to store.

It has also been dumped in the sea without proper mapping of sites used.

Inadvertant leakage from nuclear processes contaminate sites wherever they occur to the detriment of the local environment.



The effects of a nuclear detonation can't be constrained by national borders and will affect people globally as well as regionally.

Radiation has little respect for boundaries.

The folly of the few could visit a nuclear winter on the entire world, and in the worst case scenario, result in the destruction of every living thing on it.



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The UN Global Nuclear Ban Treaty



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Why a world wide ban?

The treaty would make any nuclear weapons activity illegal. This is already the case with biological and chemical weapons, anti personnel landmines and cluster munitions.

The treaty will stigmatise nuclear weapons, making use, transportation, stockpiling or facilitation illegal, which makes it harder for states outside the treaty to justify their position.

Their arrangements with the treaty states will also be affected. This will help to progress disarmament. Past experiences with other WMD show that elimination follows a legal ban.

Although the total number of nuclear weapons in the world has decreased from an all-time cold war high, modern nuclear weapon systems have a greater range and yield, ensuring that the results are even more devastating.

Also more nations now have them, resulting in even greater likelihood of a deliberate or accidental explosion.

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nuclear fusion

very unstable, transient state

How

did we get here and what happens next

Scottish CND is a partner in ICAN- 'The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons', which was formed in 2007, and immediately began to build global public support for disarmament.



The working Group issued a landmark report recommending that the negotiations begin at the UN in 2017 on a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons once and for all.

Next a series of humanitarian conferences were held involving 27 nations, followed by a special UN Working Group which met several times in 2016 to examine specific proposals to outlaw nuclear weapons.

These treaty negotiations will conclude at the UN during June 15-July 7th 2017.

Why

Why isn't the Non Proliferation Treaty Enough?

The nuclear-armed states, including the UK, which signed up to abide by the Non Proliferation Treaty [NPT] in 1970, call the Ban Treaty a dangerous distraction from the NPT commitment to pursue nuclear disarmament, and for non-nuclear states to only use nuclear technology without acquiring weapons.

Although the NPT efforts started well and states reduced their weapon numbers, it has been stalled for years and there are now new nuclear-armed states who aren't signed up and the weapons states are modernising and renewing their arsenals.

The Ban Treaty would get the NPT going again more effectively.



How Many

nuclear weapons are there in the world

9 nations between them possess almost **15,000** nukes of which more than 90% are in the arsenal of the USA and Russia.

World nuclear weapons Stockpile:

Russia	7,000	Pakistan	130
USA	6,800	India	120
France	300	Isreal	80
China	260	N Korea	<15
UK	215		

Nukes release vast amounts of energy in the form of blast, heat and radiation.

Everything close to ground zero is vapourised.

Ionising radiation at high doses kills cells, damages organs and increases the risk of cancer, chronic disease and genetic damage for which women and children are particularly at risk.

Nuclear war would disrupt the global climate, causing widespread collapse of agriculture leading to famine.

What

would happen to our world and its people if nuclear weapons were used in a war today?

Catastrophic Harm
Both in terms of the widespread devastation they cause and in their persistant and genetically damaging radioactive fallout.

Burning cities would lift smoke high into the upper atmosphere, blanketing the globe, decimating food crops and putting untold billions at risk of starvation.



NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE UNIQUELY HARMFUL TO ALL LIFE ON THIS PLANET.