



ATF Explosives Update

Kentucky Blasting Conference

November 30, 2012

Lexington, Kentucky



Agenda

- Thefts
- Violations
- Rulings
- ATF Web Information
- Other Interesting Stuff



Theft or Loss of Explosives

- Must report theft or loss within 24 hours of discovery
- Contact ATF explosives theft hotline: 1-800-461-8841 or ATF 24-hour hotline: 1-800-800-3855
- Complete and submit ATF Form 5400.5, Report of Theft or Loss - Explosive Materials
- Contact local authorities
- Penalties for failure to report theft include fine and prison

Contact the U.S. Bomb Data Center at 1-800-461-8841 or at USBDC@atf.govstaff for assistance with any questions regarding the reporting of theft or loss of explosive materials.



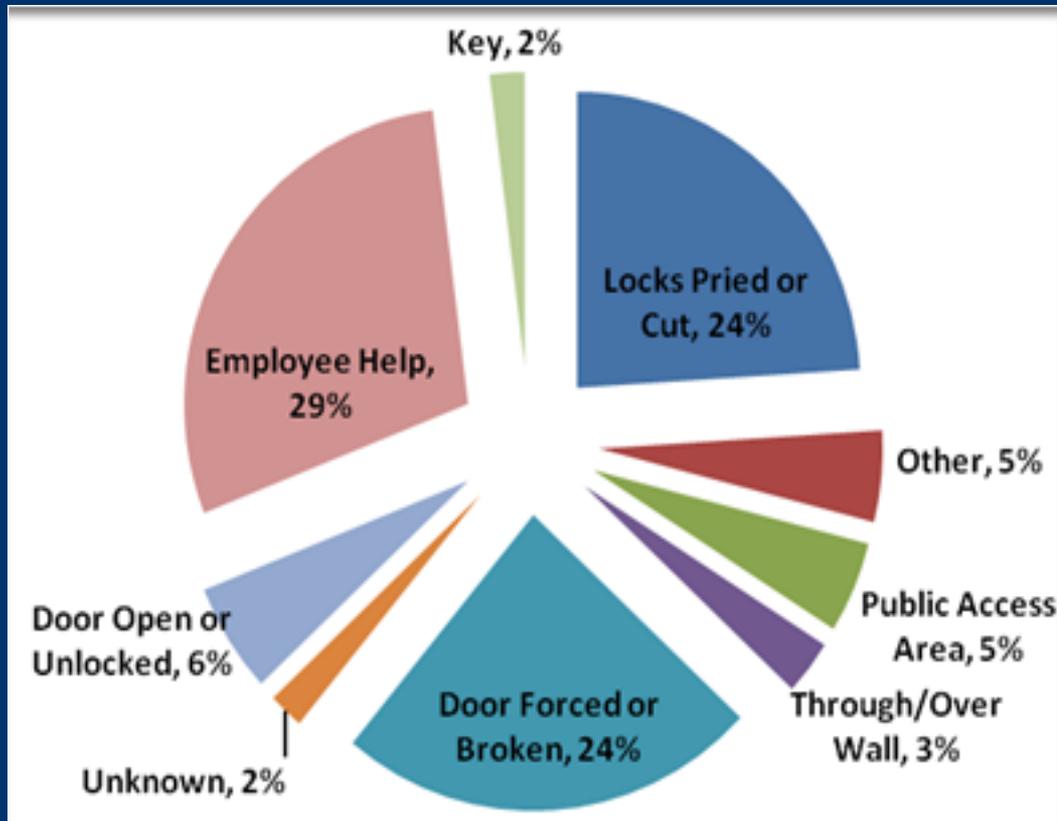
Thefts of Explosives

ATF U.S. Bomb Data Center





Thefts of Explosives



- Top three methods:
- Inside help (current or former employee involved)
 - Door forced/broken
 - Locks pried or cut



Suspicious Activity

- ATF encourages industry members to report suspicious activity, e.g. delivery vehicles being followed (voluntary—not a requirement)
- Notify ATF of attempted/actual magazine break-ins
- Call 1-888-ATF-BOMB
- Theft Advisory Checklist (April 19, 2011)
 - <http://www.atf.gov/press/releases/2011/04/041911-open-letter-to-all-explosive-industry-members.html>
- Immediately notify local authorities if witnessing criminal activity



VIOLATIONS

MOST FREQUENTLY CITED EXPLOSIVES VIOLATIONS		YEAR	
		FY 2011	
Citation	Violation Description	No.	RANKING
27 CFR 555.127	Daily Summary of Magazine Transactions	351	1
27 CFR 555.125	Records Maintained by Permittees	142	2
27 CFR 555.215	Housekeeping	76	3



ATF Rulings

<http://www.atf.gov/regulations-rulings/rulings/>

Do not need to obtain a separate variance

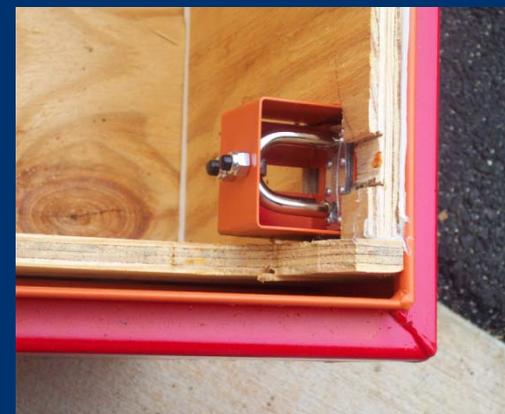




ATF Ruling 2011-3

Alternate Locks

- Approves the use of additional locks under certain conditions.
- “Puck locks” (Die-cast bodies not allowed— only hardened steel)
- Padlocks with boron-alloy shackles
- Recessed locks (Jobsite boxes must have two recessed padlocks)





ATF Ruling 2012-5

Type 4 Magazine Floors

- Regulations require that type 4 magazines have steel or fabricated metal exterior floors
- Ruling allows wooden floors on magazine exterior, provided:
 - Must be placed on gravel, concrete pad or skirted
 - If skirted, no vegetation or other materials capable of propagating flame may be under magazine





Indoor Magazines Inside Trailers and Containers



No other explosives may be stored outside the indoor magazine and within the container/trailer.

Mobile trailers require variance to store an indoor magazine within; portable containers do not.





Website Update Notices

www.atf.gov

- Updated website
- Receive email notices when new explosives information is posted to the ATF site

ATF Explosives Industry Newsletter

Receive FEL Newsletter Updates 

Explosives Industry News

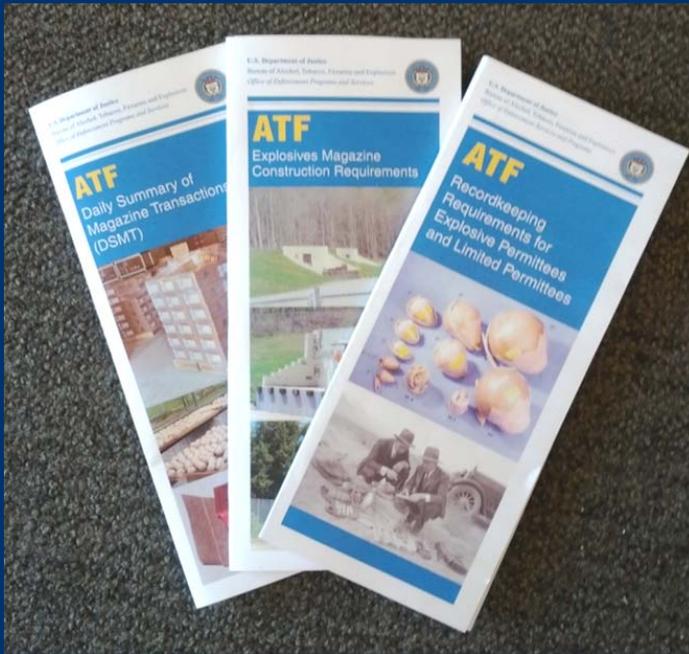
Receive Explosives Industry News Updates 

ATF Open Letters and Important Interpretation Letters

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Pamphlets



- Hot off the press:
 - Recordkeeping
 - Storage
 - DSMT
 - Disaster Preparedness
 - Self-Audit Guide

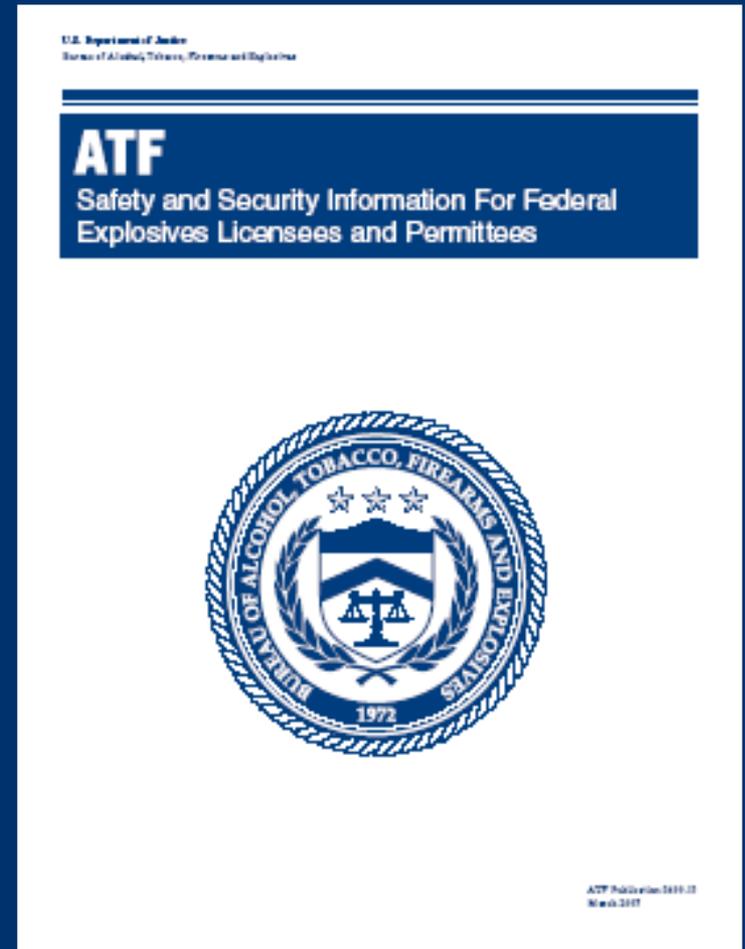
Available at <http://www.atf.gov/publications/explosives-arson/>



Safety and Security Booklet

ATF P 5400.15

- Developed with ISEE and IME
- Tips, techniques, and tools for properly securing explosive materials
- Contact information
- Sample explosive records

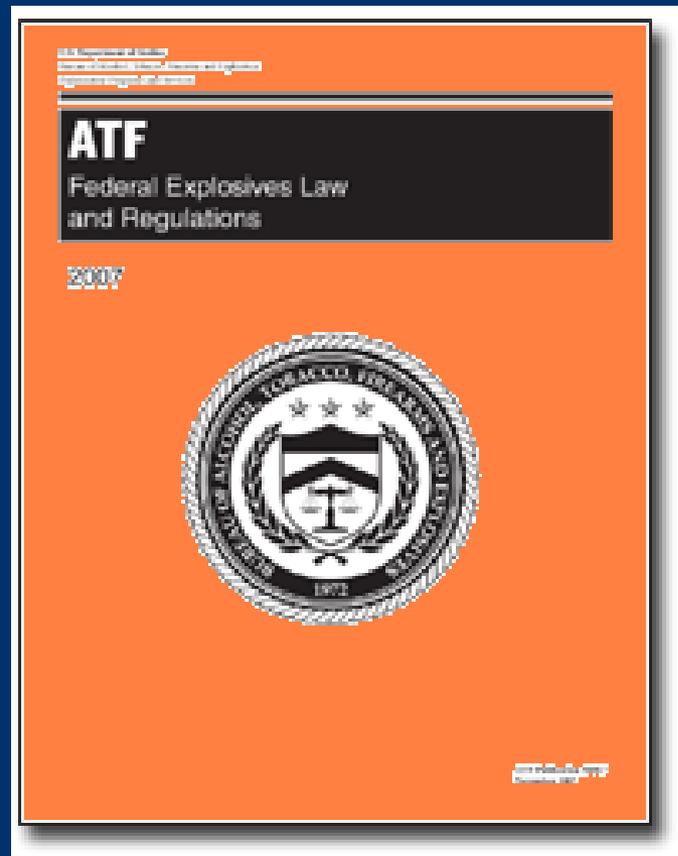




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Updated rulings





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