

# Explosion at Scrap Metal Facility Kills Two Boys

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**Panchkula, India** The 12-year old son of a scrap metal dealer and his 16-year old friend and co-worker died while trying to extract scrap metal from a munition item. The two boys who had worked at the shop for over a year were reportedly heating the munition item up to break it apart for scrap metal when it exploded. Seven other workers at the scrap metal recycling center were also injured in the accident.

Although extremely tragic, it seems as though the scrap dealers in the area have not learned from the past as this is the 3rd such accident in the last two years alone. As a result of this latest incident, authorities conducted searches of other scrap dealers in the area to look for more munitions. The number of munitions found during the searches was not reported.

Given the number of accidents in the past, it's highly unlikely that the scrap dealers in the area have any formal training programs in place or take proper safety precautions while processing munitions debris.