

CODE OF ETHICS FOR METAL DETECTING

Before beginning metal detecting one must always be aware of the legal requirements for your area, this could involve Federal, Province, State, County and/or Local legislation. It would be very difficult to list, and keep up to date, with all the legislation for each region in one location. Therefore, we recommend that if you are unfamiliar with the legislation in your particular area please talk to your nearest Dealer who should be able to offer you good practical advice, as well as advising how to keep up to date with the latest legal requirements.

OK John also recommends that you ask to join a metal detecting club or association that encourages responsible metal detecting to ensure you get the maximum enjoyment from this diverse and rewarding activity.

Regardless of the area that you are wanting to detect/hunt, there are best practices that makes our hobby gain the respect it deserves:

- Do not trespass; always respect private property and do no metal detecting without the owner's permission.
- It is advisable to get permission in writing, and to get agreement in writing first to avoid disputes regarding the ownership of any subsequent finds.
- Never do anything that might contaminate wells, creeks or other water supplies. Respect our enviroment Please!
- Respect the country code, leave gates as they are found, do not damage crops, never deliberately disturb wild or domestic animals.
- Never litter, always gather or collect any trash or debris you create or find.
- Leave it the way you found it.
- Always use the correct digging or probing equipment to make the least intrusion or marks.(Plug it)
- Always fill in your holes,including ploughed fields and beaches.
- Never throw the trash you find back in the hole. Throw it away.
- Report the discovery of any items of possible significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation of your area.
- Never go metal detecting around archaeological monuments.(don't do it)
- Report any live ammution or other potentially lethal or toxic objects you may find to authorities after carefully noting or marking the location. Do not attempt to move or interfere with any such devices. Get away from it and call authorities.
- Report all finds to the landowner/occupier. Always be honest and respectable.
- Protect the metal detecting hobby by being a responsible hobbist.

Let's have fun and not be jerks about it. Simple as that!

Thanks for reading!

