



# GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT BLASTING

## What is blasting?

Blasting is the process of breaking down material by the use of explosives, which occurs to extract materials in excavation pits or quarries. These materials are used to make construction components such as sand, cement and many other materials.

## Are blasting operations part of the 75 Express Project?

No, there are no blasting operations on any of the construction sites along I-75.

## Blasting operations near the 75 Express Project

Blasting does take place at locations west of I-75 at nearby quarries. These blasting operations are not associated with 75 Express in any way.

## Blasting in South Florida

Blasting operations generally occur between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Blasting is not allowed on weekends or during official holidays recognized by the State of Florida. A schedule of the days and locations of blasting are prepared and posted online for residents to review at <http://www.mdlpa.org/ms.asp>

Typically each operation lasts two to three times weekly, per mining area, depending on the size of the operation.

Please be advised that the vibrations caused by blasting operations are not associated with the construction along I-75. These vibrations have been ongoing for decades in this area.

Blasting in Florida currently falls under the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. To report blasting damages, you can contact the Marshal's Office at (954) 797-1708

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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