

# Danger of Nukes Is Increasing

**The world is "drifting into one of the most dangerous period in human history."**

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

"In this period of high geopolitical tension and mistrust, with communication channels between nuclear-armed rivals closed or barely functioning, the risks of miscalculation, misunderstanding, or accident are unacceptably high," Dan Smith, SIPRI's director

- Nuclear-armed countries continue adding to their stockpiles
- Total number of operational nuclear weapons grew in 2022
- Total worldwide inventory of nuclear weapons, including retired and operational arms, was 12,512 at the beginning of 2023.
- Nuclear competition has dramatically increased the risk that nuclear weapons might be used
- Both the U.S. and Russia have opposed the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

**"There is an urgent need to restore nuclear diplomacy and strengthen international controls on nuclear arms."**

Source: "One of the Most Dangerous Periods in Human History: Global Nuclear Arsenal Grew in 2022," By Jake Johnson, Common Dreams, June 12, 2023

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