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Suit Says Homes Were Built on Bomb Range

KB Home, one of the largest home builders in the nation, was sued this week by 64 homeowners who say that the company knowingly built their dwellings on a former military target range that contains unexploded bombs.

In a lawsuit filed in Texas state court, residents of the Southridge Hills development in Arlington say KB Home knew when it bought the land in the 1990's that the Navy had used it for bombing practice during World War II.

The homeowners seek a jury trial, a court order to rescind their purchase agreements and at least \$65 million in damages, according to their law firm, Weiner, Glass & Reed.

"They no longer feel safe in their own backyard," their lawyer, Marcel Weiner, said in a statement, and "are concerned about allowing their children to play in the neighborhood."

The suit also says that KB Home, which is based in Los Angeles, ignored a government recommendation to hire a contractor to remove any potentially dangerous ordnance.

Kate Mulhearn, a spokeswoman for KB Home, said the company could not immediately comment on the lawsuit.

KB Home reported \$3.93 billion in sales in the fiscal year 2000.