

Boston Marathon Bombings⁹

Description

On April 15, 2013, two improvised explosive devices (IEDs) detonated near the finish line of the 117th Boston Marathon, approximately three hours after the winners completed the course. The first IED explosion occurred at 2:49 pm Eastern Daylight Time and the second took place 13 seconds later.

Both IEDs consisted of pressure cookers concealed in backpacks with low grade explosive and nails, shards of metal, and BBs as shrapnel. The devices were placed 200 yards apart, near the metal barriers that separated the spectators from the runners.

At the time of the explosions, approximately 17,000 runners had