Below are seven myths and fact collected by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). This information was offered in one of the organization’s booklets entitled *I Can Imagine a World Without Nuclear Weapons*.

**Myth:** Nuclear weapons are no worse than other weapons.  
**Fact:** They are the only weapons capable of destroying the entire planet in a matter of hours. A single nuclear bomb, if dropped on a city, could kill millions of people.

**Myth:** Nuclear weapons no longer pose any real threat.  
**Fact:** There are still 26,000 nuclear weapons worldwide. Each directly threatens global security and human survival, and thousands are ready to be launched within minutes of an order.

**Myth:** It’s ok to have nuclear weapons.  
**Fact:** No country can be trusted with nuclear weapons. And so long as any country has them, others will want them. Nuclear weapons threaten rather than enhance security.

**Myth:** It’s unlikely that nuclear weapons will be used again.  
**Fact:** Unless we get rid of all nuclear weapons, they will be used again – intentionally or by accident – and the effect will be catastrophic. Abolition is necessary and achievable.

**Myth:** Nuclear weapons are a deterrent to terrorists.  
**Fact:** Terrorist groups and suicide bombers are not rational and cannot be deterred by counter threats. Further nations with nuclear weapons are the most attractive targets for terrorists.

**Myth:** Nuclear weapons can be used legitimately.  
**Fact:** Any use of nuclear weapons would kill indiscriminately. It would cause long-term and widespread human and environmental harm through radioactive fallout.

**Myth:** People don’t care about nuclear disarmament.  
**Fact:** Recent opinion polls show that the overwhelming majority of people across the globe believe that nuclear weapons should be banned and eliminated without further delay.