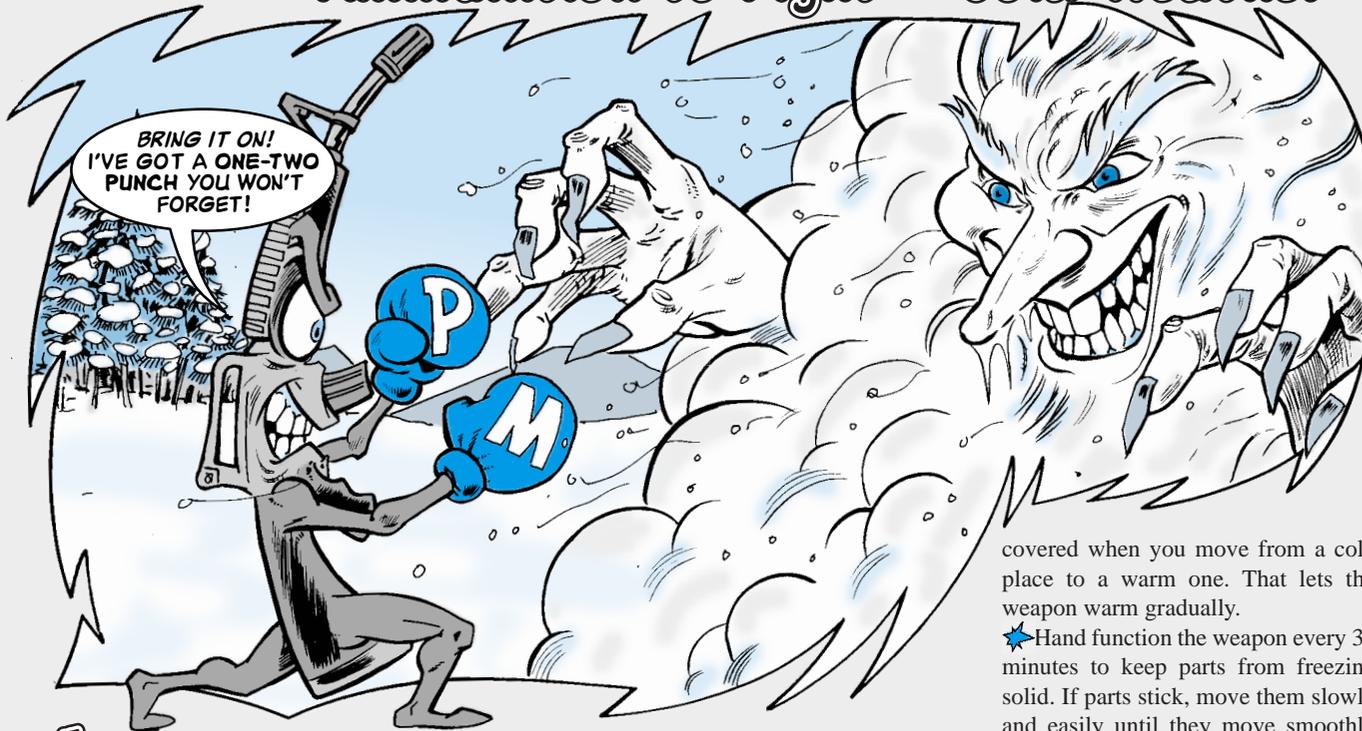


Ammunition to Fight Cold Weather

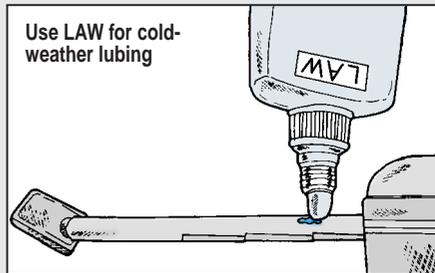


The cold will put the freeze on your rifle or machine gun if you ignore cold weather PM. Here's the PM ammo you need to help your weapon fight the cold:

★ Use rifle bore cleaner, NSN 6850-00-224-6663, to remove carbon, and use LAW, NSN 9150-00-292-9689, to lube your weapons when temperatures drop below 10°F. LAW helps moving parts on most weapons slide better in cold than CLP or LSA. The exception is the M249

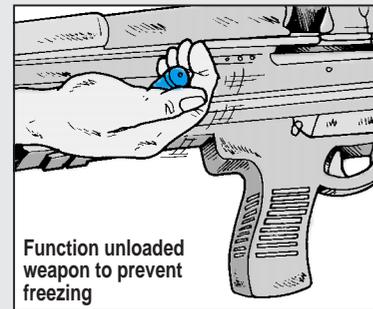
machine gun. It needs CLP in all weather.

★ Prevent condensation from forming inside weapons by keeping them



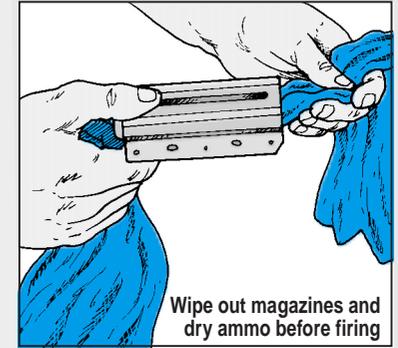
covered when you move from a cold place to a warm one. That lets the weapon warm gradually.

★ Hand function the weapon every 30 minutes to keep parts from freezing solid. If parts stick, move them slowly and easily until they move smoothly again. Forcing things breaks parts.

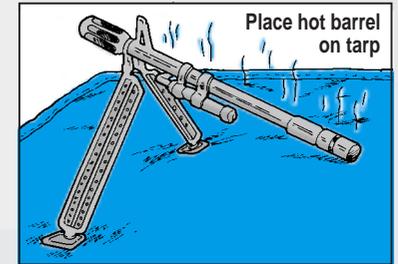


★ Keep ammo dry. If necessary, wipe ammo and the insides of magazines

before firing. That will prevent moisture from freezing and jamming your weapon.



★ Never lay a hot weapon or barrel on the snow. Set it on a tarp or poncho. That sudden cold can warp the barrel.



★ Store weapons in a covered, wind-protected area when you're not using them. If that's not possible, cover them with a blanket or poncho. That at least shuts out ice and snow from the barrel, sights, and working parts.

★ Wait until a weapon warms to room temperature before cleaning it. A cold weapon will sweat with condensation. If you clean and lube the weapon before it quits sweating, the sweat freezes when you take it back outside.