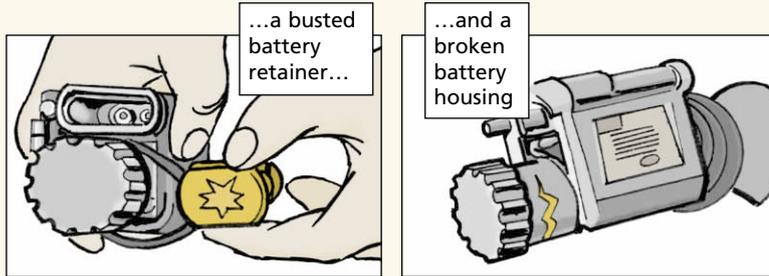


Who is the *real* victim in...

There's a crime being committed against the battery retainer cover, NSN 6160-01-444-1208, and the battery housing of the AN/PVS-14 monocular night vision device. And chances are good that you, the user, are the perpetrator.

Your crime is carelessness and the results are...



Scene of the Crime: Cold Night

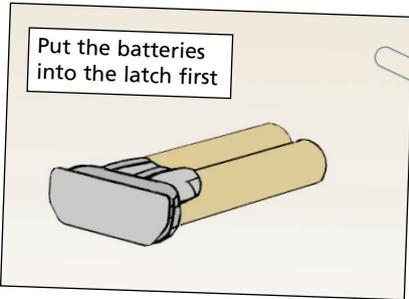
Let's look at the scene of the crime. You're on an exercise. It's night. It's cold, so you're wearing gloves. You have to replace the batteries in your night vision device. You take out the old batteries, drop in the new ones, and push hard on the cover.



Inside the battery compartment, the battery retainer breaks. Outside, the lip of the housing that meets the cover shatters.

Here's how to prevent this kind of criminal activity:

Insert the batteries into the cover retainer and not the compartment.



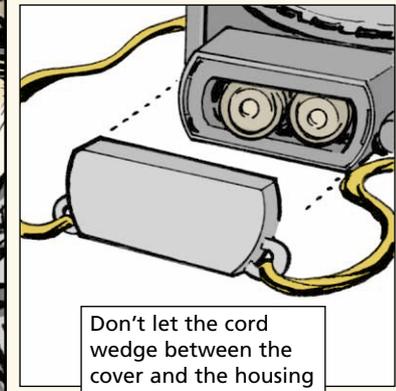
... THE FORCED COVER CAPER?



When you put the batteries into the compartment first, it's easy to break the retainer when you push the cover on. Make sure you have the battery polarity right when you put in new batteries.

If you don't, you'll be opening the compartment again, because you won't be operating.

Keep the neck cord out of the way. The neck cord is threaded through the edge of the cover and keeps you from losing the cover in the dark. But this preventive measure can lead to damage if the cord gets wedged between the cover and the housing. When that happens, and you push hard on the cover, the edge of the housing shatters.



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