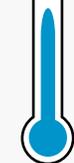


Commo Batteries...

# WARD OFF WINTER WOES



WHEN TEMPERATURES PLUNGE, BATTERIES NEED EXTRA CARE.



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Keep batteries stored until you're ready to move out. Then warm up only as many as you'll need.

Lithium batteries won't need warming up unless they've been in temperatures below -20°F.



Protect dry cell batteries by keeping them out of the cold and wind. Cover them with your clothing. Put them in a vehicle or commo shelter when possible. Sheltering batteries behind a wind break is better than leaving them out in the open. Putting them next to your body is best of all.



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Never stow batteries next to a heater or stove. That's too much warmth for most batteries and they could vent or rupture.



Keep spare batteries handy so you can make a switch when the ones in your gear start to fade. When you remove batteries from your gear, put them in an inside shirt pocket to warm up. After a while, they'll regain their punch.

Never store a lithium battery in your clothing after the Complete Discharge Device has been activated. The battery could vent harmful gas.



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If you won't be using your gear right away, don't install the batteries. Keep them warm as long as you can.

If you warm batteries in a heated place, watch for sweating. Wipe off any moisture or it will freeze when you go back into the cold.



Finally, if your gear has plastic pins in the battery compartment, take care when installing the battery. Cold pins become brittle. They'll break if handled too roughly.



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