

Troop Support...



## Message in a Bottle

In the desert, bottled water is a real convenience. But it can quickly become a toxic weapon if it falls into the wrong hands. During distribution from the bottling plant to you, the bottled water won't spend every minute under the Army's watchful eye. That could give the enemy an opportunity to tamper with water supplies.

### Signs of Tampering

Tampering usually involves adding chemical or biological contaminants to water. Signs of tampering include:



- Broken seal around the cap

- Pin holes in the cap, neck or top of the bottle
- Unusual water color
- Bad or unusual tastes or odors



- Large amount of particles floating in the water

### Deal with Tampering

If you suspect that someone has tampered with your bottled water:

- Do not drink the suspected water.
- Report tampering to your superior.
- Identify and quarantine other bottles from the same batch or lot.



For more information, read the bottled water fact sheet on the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine website:

<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/documents/FACT/31-006-0904.pdf>