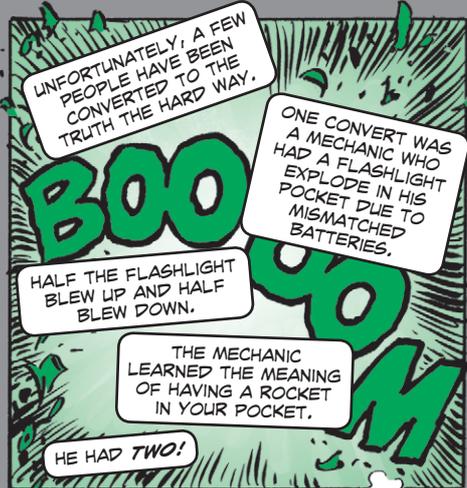
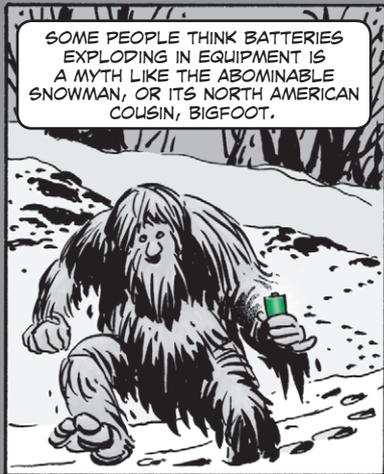


WE'RE NOT KIDDING, THEY WILL EXPLODE!

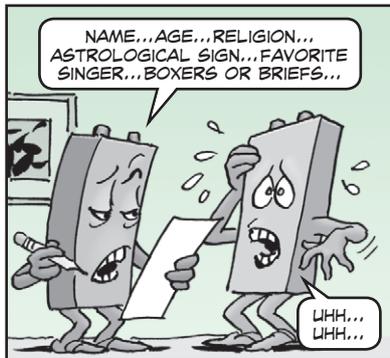


HERE ARE SIX BATTERY RULES YOU MUST FOLLOW UNLESS YOU TOO WANT A BATTERY EXPLOSION IN YOUR PANTS...

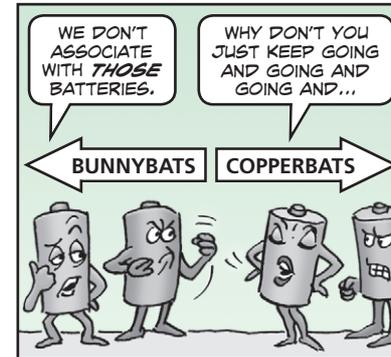


1. If it takes two, replace two! Always replace all the batteries in a piece of equipment at the same time (except for memory-hold batteries). They should both be fresh and fully charged.

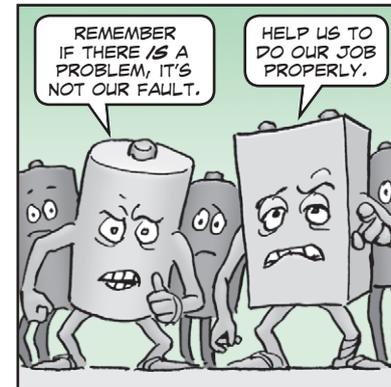
2. Do it by the numbers! Replacement batteries should have the same contract number. Check the box for the number. They should also have the same, or very close to the same, date codes.



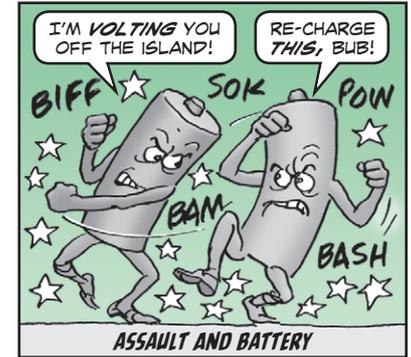
3. Mind the maker! Batteries installed in a piece of equipment must have the same manufacturer. Not all batteries, even those that look it, are created equal.



4. Order by NSN, but don't install by it! The batteries that exploded in the flashlight in the mechanic's pocket were both 3-volt lithium, NSN 6135-01-351-1131. But they had different manufacturers! Multiple manufacturers of items like batteries are common. Check the NSN on FED LOG and you'll see a slew of part numbers which means a slew of manufacturers. For further details, see point three above.



5. Rechargeable and non-rechargeable batteries don't get along! Like Democrats and Republicans on the Senate floor, sparks will fly if you put a rechargeable battery with a non-rechargeable in the same piece of equipment. One will overpower the other and then, KABLOOEY!



6. You've been warned! Batteries have warning labels. Battery manufacturers issue warnings. Technical manuals have warning information. And now we've warned you! Ignorance is not bliss. Heed the warnings about batteries. If you don't heed those good words, you may hear these bad words: "Your pants are on fire!"

