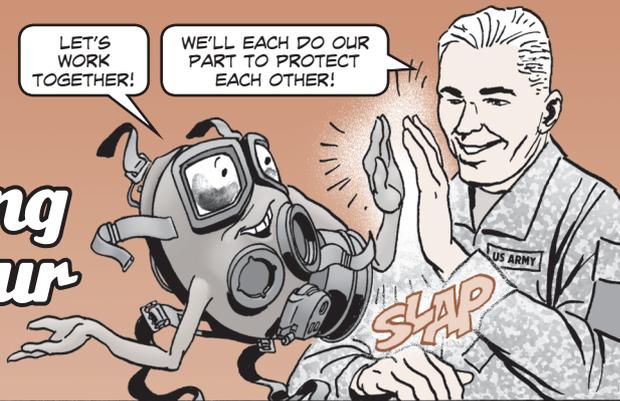


# How to Get Along with Your Mask!

LET'S WORK TOGETHER!

WE'LL EACH DO OUR PART TO PROTECT EACH OTHER!



You and your M40/M42 mask are in this together. You expect your mask to protect you against chemical/biological agents that can cause agonizing death. And your mask expects you to protect it from things that can cause it agony. Here are a few ways to help you get along with your mask:

**Store it right!** The No. 1 killer of masks is folding a mask to put it in its carrier. That usually shears off the drink tube, punctures or deforms the facepiece, or cracks the eyelenses.



The No. 2 killer is sitting on the mask carrier or piling stuff on it. Your mask can't stand up to that weight, especially if it's also folded in the carrier.

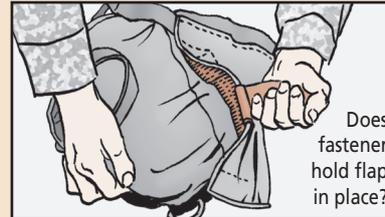


Don't put anything else in the carrier besides the mask and its accessories. Jamming other equipment in the carrier can damage critical mask components.

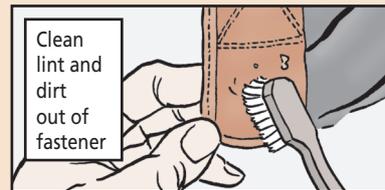
The proper way to store both the M40 and M42 mask in their carriers is upright with the eyelenses facing away from your body. See WPs 0005-29 and 0005-42 of TM 3-4240-346-10 for more details.



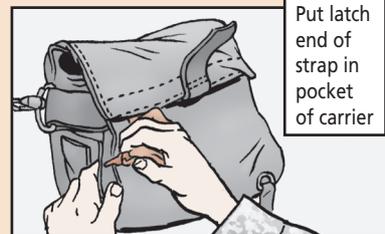
**Take care of the carrier.** It's usually ignored. If it's in bad shape, your mask can fall out and disappear. The carrier's hook-and-pile fastener is often what goes bad first. If the fastener can't hold, the carrier flap comes loose and everything inside tumbles out. Make sure the fastener securely holds the flap in place. If it doesn't want to stick together, tell your CBRN specialist that you need a new carrier.



The fastener will do a better job if you clean lint and dirt out of it with the nylon brush that comes with the mask.

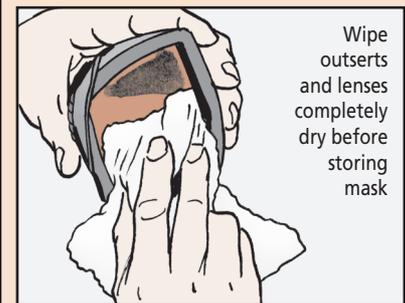


Don't let the carrier straps dangle. Otherwise, they can catch on things in the field. Put the latch end of the strap that's not being used in a pocket of the carrier. Don't put the strap in the carrier where the latch can scratch the eyelenses.



**Use the outserts.** If they're scratched up, they can be replaced. If the eyelenses are too scratched up to see through, the whole facepiece must be replaced.

After you wash out the mask, make sure the outserts and eyelenses are completely dry before you store the mask. Your CBRN specialist should have cheesecloth for wiping the mask dry. Water trapped between the outserts and eyelenses can spot and fog the lenses.



**Drink nothing but water through the drink tube.** Soft drinks and sports drinks leave a residue in the drink tube. That residue turns to sludge and fouls the drink tube and can cause it to leak. Then you're in for a bad day on a hot day while wearing your mask.

