

# BEWARE OF LOOSE NOSECUP

I CAN  
HARDLY  
BWEATH!

SOMEDING'S  
WRONG WID BY  
NOSECUP!!

OOH... I SHOULD'VE  
PICKED THAT UP  
DURING PMCS.



Dear Editor,

In my work with the MAIT at Camp Casey, Korea, I often run into M40/M42 masks in which the nosecup has pulled away from the back of the front voicemitter housing.

Even though Item 12 in the AFTER PMCS in TM 3-4240-346-10 (Aug 10) is a check for a loose nosecup, Soldiers often miss it. The consequences can be serious.

When a Soldier clears his mask or exhales, all of the air is supposed to be blown out the air outlet. If the nosecup is unsealed from the front voicemitter housing, contaminated air can remain in the mask and be inhaled by a Soldier. And the PATS test doesn't always pick up a loose nosecup.

I strongly recommend CBRN specialists check all their masks for a loose nosecup. They should also emphasize to their units during training the importance of checking the nosecup before they go to the field.

If the nosecup is not seated around the outlet valve body or has pulled away from the back of the front voicemitter housing, the facepiece should be replaced.

Make very sure to check for a loose nosecup during PMCS



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*Editor's note: Thanks for the nosecup alert, Gary.*