

All Aircraft... **DON'T FORGET HARDWARE**



Turnlock fasteners, nuts and bolts that secure access doors, panels and covers should not have missing, loose or the wrong type of hardware, such as a screw that's too long.

For example, turnlock fasteners on Black Hawk and AH-64 airframes are sometimes reinstalled without the retaining star washer.

Turnlock fasteners installed without the star washer can vibrate loose and fall out during flight. If that happens, the fastener can ricochet off the spinning tail rotor blades, hit the stabilator like a missile and punch a hole in it.

When doing aircraft daily and pre-flight inspections, double-check your helicopter airframe for missing, loose or incorrect hardware and fix the problem. Check your -23P manual for the right size and type of hardware to use.