

# Patrol Equipment Care Tips

## Rain Poncho Care

If you have a poncho, protect it! The following suggestions will help you get the maximum years of wear:



1. Hang the poncho on a wooden hanger with shoulders centered on the hanger arms.
2. Hang in a place that is cool and away from direct sunlight and heat.
3. Make certain that the sleeves are straight. Turned-back cuffs hold water and may cause cracking or mildew.
4. If dirty, wipe clean with a damp cloth only.

## Belt Care

Your belt should be taken off during off-duty hours, rolled up, and kept in a designated place.

Yellow-green fluorescent belts should be cleaned regularly with a damp cloth. Your belt will be bright and smart-looking if you take care of it!

If your patrol belt needs washing:

1. Pour some liquid soap or powder onto a damp cloth and scrub.
2. Rinse the belt thoroughly.
3. Artificial heat such as dryers or ovens should not be used for rapid drying.
4. Alcohol and abrasive cleaners should not be used.



## Badge Care

Your badge should only be worn on the patrol belt. It should be pinned on the shoulder strip of the belt at chest level. Badges should be removed only when the belt is being washed. Removing and replacing the badge several times each day causes the pin to break.

Badges may be cleaned by washing with a mild soap and water. It is important to immediately dry the badge. Abrasive polishes should not be used to clean badges.

