



# **DO NOT tamper, cover, remove or damage Fire Alarm System Detectors or Sprinkler Heads!**

In accordance with IMHM Pamphlet 420-1 Chap. 1, Sect. 4, Par. f. *Facility/building managers will report to their commanders or supervisors any person causing damage by fire as a result of failure to comply with the provisions of this regulation or through acts of negligence or carelessness. They will also report any person responsible for the transmission of false alarms and purposeful discharge or damage to fire extinguishers, damage to fire sprinkler systems, damage or willful modification of fire detection systems. Commanders and supervisors will take appropriate disciplinary action on these individuals.*

What does this mean to YOU? It means do not cover up or remove detectors or sprinkler heads. It means if you are bouncing things off the ceiling and you hit a sprinkler head or detector and damage it or worse, set it off; you will be visiting your CSM or Commander!

In the past few months across Korea, we have found fire alarm systems with missing detectors, detectors covered with plastic bags, and stuffed with toilet paper. Plus, we have found sprinkler heads and detectors that have been painted over!

What should you do? If you find a detector or sprinkler head that has been damaged or tampered with, call the Fire Department to get it corrected. Not doing so puts you, your fellow soldiers, and family members at risk!

In 75% of all fatality fires across America where there was a sprinkler or detection system installed in a building, the system had been tampered with or damaged. This tampering or damage is a major contributing factor to the deaths.

Be vigilant, report problems right away and follow up! The life you save may be your own.

Make sure you brief your new soldiers and family members. Tampering with Fire Alarm Systems is strictly prohibited!



A disconnected smoke detector or one stuffed with a plastic bag is worthless if there is a fire. These detectors are there to save your life when you least expect it. Removing or tampering with detectors will get you in trouble or worse!



Painted sprinkler head found in a barracks room. The paint will insulate the head causing it to react up to 2 minutes slower. In less than 2 minutes, a fire can grow from 200 to 1400 degrees!

