



**Contact Lenses
in the Field?**

Don't Bet Your Sight!

PRESERVE THE SIGHT TO FIGHT

Tri-Service Vision Conservation
and Readiness Program

Contact lenses will not be worn during basic training, field exercises, gas chamber exercises, deployments, or combat.
from DA PAM 40-506, The Army Vision Conservation and Readiness Program

Field deployment = unfriendly environment

- Dirty environment – difficult to keep hands clean
- Limited availability of contact lens care products
- Extended hours of continuous operations

Risks:

- Red, painful, injured eye
- Eye infection, corneal ulcer
- Permanent vision loss



Corneal
ulcer

Cost:

- Lost time
- Decreased mission readiness
- Expensive medical treatment and possible MEDEVAC costs



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