Custodial neglect, or dissociation, results when information is lost. This includes when an item is lost, information about an item is lost, or materials are not properly cared for.

**MITIGATING THE THREAT:**

- Be aware of your collections and their needs! Ensure that collections care practices are current and regularly reviewed.

- Make sure identifying labels and tags are clearly marked.

- Have policies and procedures in place for tracking collections to prevent loss.

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