

Safety Alert



Amputation by doors, hatches and ramps OIF SA-016



Recently there has been a rash of injuries as a result of appendages being caught in vehicle doors, hatches, and ramps. These injuries have ranged from severe bruising to amputations. The doors on the M1151 are approaching 475 pounds and the doors, hatches, and ramps on the MRAP, Stryker, M1 Tank, and M3 vehicles can be heavier. Trying to stop a door, hatch, or ramp that is in motion is an extremely hazardous act which can result in injury.

Whether in the open or closed position, doors and hatches must be latched or locked and never attempt to open or close them while the vehicle is moving. Additionally, use caution when attempting to open or close them if the vehicle is on an incline. When dismantled, stay clear of open doors and ramps. Always verify that the areas around a door, hatch, cover, or ramp are clear before closing.

Do not sit or rest in a vehicle with your legs or arms between an open door or hatch and the frame. Use good vehicle crew coordination when opening and closing any door, hatch, or ramp. Do not grab a door or hatch by the rim, always use the hand holds that are provided. Your actions might cost you or your teammate more than a little pain.

**DON'T BECOME A VICTIM OF COMPLACENCY,
THESE MISTAKES ARE PERMANENT.**



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