

Safety Alert



Ground Guiding Safety OIF SA-013



Recently a Soldier was seriously injured in a night ground guiding accident when he was pinned between a Stryker and a concrete barrier. Ground guiding requires, training, active teamwork and situational awareness to get the job done safely.

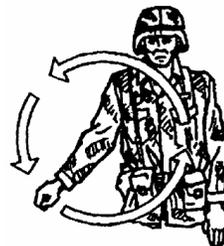
AR 385-10 & FM 21-305 directs when and how ground guides will be used. In addition, standard hand & arm signals from FM 21-60 must be followed.

Ground guides will:

- Stay to the side of vehicles they are guiding, & never get between them and another vehicle or any fixed object
- Position themselves so they can see the driver at all times & the other ground guide when two are needed
- Never walk backwards while guiding a vehicle
- When visibility is reduced, guides will use a flashlight to direct vehicles
- Never run while ground guiding

Drivers & Vehicle Commanders will:

- Attempt to maintain at least a 10 yard clearance from ground guides or more if required to keep them in sight
- Stop the vehicle immediately if the guide's signals are unclear, if they lose sight of the ground guide, or if the guide is dangerously positioned between the vehicle and another object
- Use two ground guides when visibility is limited by the vehicle or conditions and coordinate ahead of time who will provide signals to the driver



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NIGHT