

# TF MULESKINNERS GROUND GUIDE SAFETY ALERT



Ground guiding is a task almost every Soldier performs, but when not done safely, may result in **DEATH, INJURY, or DAMAGE**. AR 385-10 requires the use of ground guides and training per **TC 21-305-20, TC 21-306, & FM 21-60**. The new **TC 7-31** provides ground guide safety procedures specific to MRAPs. To perform these duties safely; review, train and practice the following ground guide safety rules:

## GROUND GUIDES :

**YOU ARE ON THE GROUND...STAY ALERT...SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

**ALL Drivers & Ground Guides must be trained on Visual Signals**

- ✓ **Be trained** on and use **Visual Signals** from **FM 21-60**
- ✓ **Position yourself 10 yards to the left front** of the vehicle **so you can see the driver at all times** and **other ground guides** when two or more are used
- ✓ **Never run or walk backwards** while guiding, stop the vehicle and reposition
- ✓ **Never get between the vehicle and another object** when ground guiding to **prevent from being crushed** in case of an engine surge or loss of control
- ✓ **Use a flashlight at night** to ensure you & your **visual signals** are seen

## DRIVERS:

**YOU ARE DRIVING ...NO DISTRACTIONS ...STAY ALERT...SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

- ✓ **Stop** if ground guides signals are **not understood** or if you **lose sight of them**
- ✓ **Stop** the vehicle if you see the ground guide in a **dangerous position** and make an on-the-spot correction
- ✓ **Use two ground guides (front & rear)** when **visibility is limited** by the vehicle or the conditions. A third may be needed to compensate for blind spots
- ✓ **Take direction** from the **primary ground guide** when more than one is used. **Brief beforehand** to avoid confusion

The complex block contains several visual aids:
 

- A photograph of a soldier in a yellow circle, representing a visual signal.
- A photograph of a soldier with hands raised, representing a visual signal.
- A photograph of a soldier with one hand raised, representing a visual signal.
- A photograph of a soldier at night with a flashlight, labeled 'NIGHT'.
- A photograph of a MRAP vehicle with a soldier in the foreground, with a text box: 'Never walk backwards while Ground Guiding vehicles'.
- A diagram showing a vehicle with a 'Blind Spot guide' and 'Signal relay' points, with '10 Yards Minimum' distances indicated.

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