



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Head Protection in Tactical Vehicles

1. Reference Change 3, 25 August 2003, to Forces Command (FORSCOM) Regulation 385-1, Forces Command Safety Program, 31 March 1998.
2. The FORSCOM commander recently rescinded the reference which required wearing "head protection (kevlar helmet, Combat Vehicle Crewman (CVC) helmet, as appropriate)" in Army tactical vehicles whenever they are driven outside of motor maintenance facilities.
3. In keeping with the FORSCOM commander's intent, military, DA civilian and contractor personnel who are under the control of Fort Hood will wear appropriate head protection when riding in or operating tactical military vehicles in the following circumstances.
 - a. All personnel will wear appropriate head protection in field training exercise and range areas that are outside of the cantonment areas, specifically north of the cattle guard for the main post, south of the cattle guard for North Fort Hood, all of the West Fort Hood training areas, and/or any close-in training area.
 - b. All personnel will wear appropriate head protection when part of a military convoy on or off post, and/or a single vehicle mission going off post, and/or operating on the Fort Hood railhead.
 - c. Drivers and Tank Commanders of tracked combat vehicles will wear operable CVCs at all times while vehicles are in motion.
4. Except as shown in paragraph 2, above, head protection is not required while riding in tactical military vehicles that are operated in the cantonment areas only for administrative, maintenance, and transportation reasons, not related to field training exercise/convoy/rail operations.

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5. Based on special scenarios and mission needs, commanders and leaders should apply appropriate risk assessments and controls for all military vehicle operations. This ensures the Safety of our human resources.

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**JAMES E. SIMMONS
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding**

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