

HEED TM WARNINGS, CAUTIONS AND NOTES



These days, technical manuals are available in both paper and electronic media. Special messages, known as WARNINGS, CAUTIONS and NOTES, are found all throughout paper manuals and plain electronic technical manuals (ETMs), while interactive electronic technical manuals (IETMs) have pop-up messages that you have to acknowledge before moving forward.

Avoiding danger is as simple as reading and heeding the messages that you see. Reading them is easy enough, but do you really know what they mean?

WARNINGS help prevent injury to people. They tell you about conditions which, if not avoided, could injure or kill you and the soldiers you work with.

CAUTIONS help prevent damage to equipment. They're found with operations and maintenance procedures in your tech manuals. Not following what they say could damage or even destroy your equipment.

Finally, NOTES highlight important operations and maintenance procedures. Ignoring them may cause you to miss a step, waste time and effort, or jeopardize safety.

So the next time you come to a WARNING, CAUTION or NOTE in your tech manual, **don't** skip over it! Heed what you read, 'cuz if you don't, you may regret it later.