

# FEELING A LITTLE COMPLACENT?

**Complacent** \kəm plās n(t)\ **adj:** *the quality or state of being satisfied accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies.*

Does this describe you, tank crewmen? If so, it's only a matter of time before you suffer an accident, maybe even a fatal one.

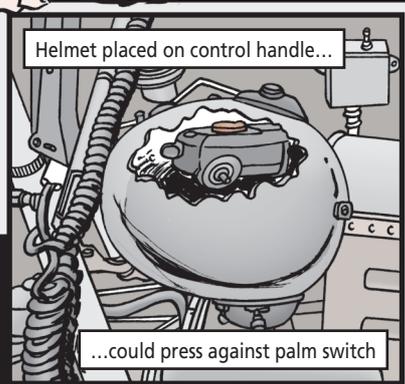
Take, for example, an incident from September of last year. An M1A1 tank crewman was trying to close the driver's hatch by reaching from inside the turret into the driver's compartment. A CVC helmet was resting on the commander's control handle. Turret power was on to provide lighting and the turret lock was unlocked.

When the hatch closed, the driver's hatch interlock was disengaged. The turret suddenly traversed to the left, pinning the crewman between the turret basket and the driver's compartment.



1. When extending **any** part of the body between the turret and driver's compartment, the turret lock must be set.
2. The driver's hatch must remain closed whenever the turret or gun are unlocked and turret power is on. You can operate from the open hatch position only when the turret and gun are locked.

**3. Never** use the commander's control handle as a place to hang your CVC helmet or other equipment. The helmet can depress the palm switch, allowing the turret to traverse suddenly.



Fortunately, this crewman only sustained injuries to his shoulder. You might not be so lucky.

The next time you're feeling complacent, check out TACOM Safety-of-Use Message 96-08 for more turret safety do's and don'ts. You'll find it on the AEPS website:

[https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/Commodity/Soum/Tacom\\_WN/tsou9608.html](https://aeps2.ria.army.mil/Commodity/Soum/Tacom_WN/tsou9608.html)

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# CLAMP DOWN ON LEAKS

Crewmen, you'd think that having a new heater hose installed in your Stryker would stop leaks. You'd also be wrong.

The rise in temperature during operation will cause that new hose to expand a bit the first time it's used. That can stretch the clamps holding the new hose in place slightly. Then, when the hose cools and shrinks, you get leaks.

The solution is simple. Just check and tighten the clamps after the first operation.

