

M240-Series,
M249 Machine Guns...

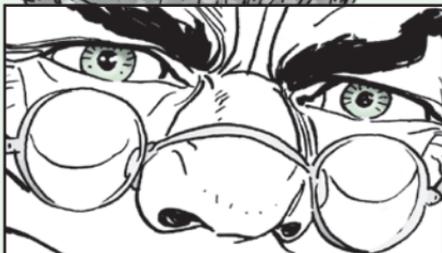
PUT ME DOWN!

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE WITH YOU UNLESS YOU SAFELY CARRY ME. WE DON'T WANT ANY NASTY DISCHARGES!

CAREFUL HOW YOU CARRY

BOTH THE M240 AND M249 MACHINE GUNS FIRE FROM THE OPEN BOLT POSITION.

THAT MEANS PUSHING THE COCKING HANDLE FORWARD... RIDING THE BOLT FORWARD... COULD CAUSE A ROUND ALREADY CHAMBERED TO FIRE.



THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD CARRY THE M240 OR M249 WITH THE SAFETY SET TO FIRE, ITS BOLT FORWARD, AND NO ROUND IN THE CHAMBER. **DON'T** PUT THE GUN ON SAFE WITH THE BOLT FORWARD!

A ROUND IN THE CHAMBER OR ON THE FEED TRAY IS A **FATAL ACCIDENT** WAITING TO HAPPEN.

ALWAYS CLEAR YOUR M240 OR M249 BEFORE YOU RIDE THE BOLT FORWARD.

IF YOU'RE HAZY ON HOW TO CLEAR YOUR MACHINE GUN, CHECK OUT THE CLEARING PROCEDURE IN THE M249'S TM 9-1005-201-10 OR THE M240'S TM 9-1005-313-10.

IF THE BOLT IS LOCKED TO THE REAR, THE SAFETY MUST BE SET TO SAFE!

YOU CAN SAFELY CARRY THE M240 OR M249 **THREE DIFFERENT WAYS:**

- Bolt forward, set to FIRE, no round in chamber
- Bolt forward, set to FIRE, with rounds positioned for chambering when the weapon is charged (you're expecting engagement)
- Bolt locked to rear, set to SAFE, with or without rounds chambered

