

## Standard-Issue Stormtrooper Field Manual

Hello, recruit and/or conscript! Welcome to the Imperial Stormtrooper Corps! This brief manual will introduce you to concepts that will ensure a safe, lengthy service with the Imperial military.

### Part 1: Your Equipment

Every stormtrooper is equipped with plastoid armor and an E-11 blaster rifle.

- Armor

Modern plastoid armor provides all the protection a stormtrooper needs while remaining flexible and comfortable. There are apocryphal reports of stormtroopers falling to spears and small rocks, though these are simply rebel propaganda. Standard-issue armor is completely reliable, just like your superiors.

- E-11 Blaster Rifle

The E-11 is a powerful, highly accurate weapon that is deadly in the hands of a trained marksman. While some have expressed difficulty in aiming the E-11, the consensus among military experts is that even those of minimal intelligence are capable of properly using the E-11, provided it is properly cleaned and maintained (due to recent budget restrictions, cleaning kits are no longer standard equipment).

### Part 2: Working as a Team

As a stormtrooper, you are part of a greater whole. It is of the utmost importance that you learn to work with your squadmates. Despite the high standard of Imperial equipment, you are not a one-man army, and behaving as such will get you killed.

Consider the fate of Stormtrooper #417, who attempted to storm a rebel safehouse on his own. After suffering sixty-three blaster wounds, he was torn apart by a wookiee and his remains were dumped into a trash compactor. Fortunately, the hand of Imperial justice caught up with the rebels in the form of a Base Delta Zero that annihilated the safehouse, along with the rebel-sympathizing population.

Communication with other members of your squad is vital. Remain attentive at all times – if you hear blaster shots and a teammate starts screaming incoherently, you may be under attack. Your teammates will appreciate your insightfulness if you alert them of such developments.

Furthermore, stormtrooper squads will often be augmented by shock troopers, scout troopers, or other specialized soldiers. Coordination with them is extremely important. Actions such as standing between a shock trooper and a rebel vehicle are inadvisable. As noble as it is to place yourself in the line of fire (or, alternately, to use yourself as a meat-shield for a squadmate), the

Imperial Stormtrooper Corps does not encourage suicidal behavior (borderline-suicidal, however, is acceptable).

You must also remember the possibility that those around you could be rebel spies. If you notice any less-than-loyal activity, report it to your superiors (unless, of course, your superiors seem to be disloyal, in which case the best course of action is to question your own loyalty). Even if you believe your superiors to be traitors, killing them is not recommended, and will almost never result in a promotion.

We would like to close this section with a reminder that trust is the foundation of good teamwork. Exaggerated tales of moffs blowing up planets on a whim are simply rebel propaganda designed to decrease your trust in the Imperial military and hamper your fighting efficiency.

### Part 3: What the Stormtrooper Corps Can do for You

Despite what the rebels claim, the Imperial Stormtrooper Corps is a benevolent organization. We deeply care about you and want nothing but your well-being. To that end, we have established several benefits programs. Among these are:

- Free funerals

Funerals are expensive things. Pragmatic as always, our glorious leaders have devised a solution: if you perish in battle, your family will be able to select any number of options for your burial, ranging from cremation to the ever-popular “mass grave” method.

- Free bagels

Should you survive a major engagement, free bagels will be provided at the nearest mess hall.

- A great resume

There are numerous careers where military training is useful. After retiring from the armed forces you could become a mercenary, an assassin, a member of another branch of the military, or an employee of the Galactic Empire National Health Service.

- An opportunity to explore the galaxy

Not only will you get the chance to oppress various exotic planets, but you can take free souvenirs whenever you feel like it! Just remember to refer to it as “seizing contraband” rather than “looting,” which we have been instructed to look down upon.

### Part 4: Unforeseen Situations

Occasionally, you will encounter a situation not covered by ordinary protocols. Despite the Empire's strong stance against free will, it may be necessary for you to use independent thought to resolve the issue. Here are some general guidelines for such occasions.

- Time travel and alternate dimensions

We in the Imperial armed forces do not wish to violate the laws of physics more than is absolutely necessary. Temporal paradoxes are nasty, and are to be avoided at all costs. Similarly, opening rifts to other dimensions is a big "no." One time, Boba Fett traveled to an alternate dimension, where he married himself and fathered his own child. The less said about this, the better.

- First contact

Though unlikely, you may encounter a previously undiscovered civilization. Please refrain from installing yourself as local ruler/deity. It is bad form, and high command will find out one way or another and initiate disciplinary action.

Generally, keeping a level head is the best way to resolve a situation. And if all else fails, firepower is an excellent substitute.

## Conclusion

The Stormtrooper Corps is, for many, the face of the Galactic Empire. When you put on that utilitarian white armor, remember what you represent. And when you see a civilian, be sure to wave and smile (unless they happen to be involved in a suspicious activity, in which case lethal force is recommended). They may not be able to see your smile beneath your chilling, soulless faceplate, but don't let their looks of abject horror discourage you. Similar small gestures can drastically improve a person's day, especially if their house has recently been destroyed by an AT-AT, or their loved ones detained for questioning.

Thank you for joining the Stormtrooper Corps. We hope you have found this manual useful and informative. If you desire more information, you can contact the Imperial Stormtrooper Help Desk or request a motivational brochure from one of your superiors.