

Fly Safe Campaign



MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS

Don't become a statistic!

NTSB has reported 45 ag accidents including 7 fatal accidents so far this year.

COMPLACENCY AND HIGH TEMPERATURES CAN END YOUR SEASON WITH AN ACCIDENT

If you allow yourself to become complacent because the end of the year is in sight, you can quickly find yourself in an accident. It's not just the end of the season that can lead to complacency either. There are numerous times in your ag career when the risk of becoming complacent increases. Once you have a certain number of ag hours or seasons under your belt, you may feel like you're now experienced enough to relax. Even the end of a long day can cause you to let your guard down when you're on your last load.

Complacency is influenced by things that one would normally think would reduce the risk of an accident, not increase it. These include experience, knowledge, and training. While these normally increase your skills and reduce your risk of making a mistake, they can lead to complacency if you allow them to provide a false sense of security and safety. No matter what your experience level is or how busy you are, you must stay vigilant, avoid complacency, stick to your personal safety minimums, and focus on the task at hand.

This summer has seen several heat waves bringing dangerously hot weather to many parts of the country. These high temperatures can result in heat exhaustion. If you're already fatigued, the results can be disastrous. The risk of heat exhaustion increases with high humidity levels and when you're involved in strenuous activities. The heat also impacts how your aircraft flies – an increase in temperatures causes an increase in density altitude. This increases the distance needed to takeoff safely with a load and the performance of the aircraft in flight. Know how to calculate density altitude and make sure you track it throughout the course of the day as temperature increases. Stay cool, rested, and maintain a high level of alertness all the way to the end of your season.

Check Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs)

Always check TFR NOTAMs before flying! Make sure you have proof of a preflight TFR briefing from sources such as FSS or <https://www.1800wxbrief.com>.

Make a "Fly Safe" Resolution Now!