

Fly Safe Campaign



MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS

Don't become a statistic!

NTSB has reported 8 ag accidents including 2 fatal accidents so far this year.

KEEP YOURSELF IN CONDITION YELLOW TO REMAIN CONSTANTLY VIGILANT OF THREATS

If you have attended the [Flying in the Wire and Obstruction Environment](#) course at [Ag Aviation Expo](#) or a state meeting, you're familiar with the instructor Bob Feerst's color classification for conditions of awareness.

- White – mind wanders; thoughts not focused on task at hand.
- Yellow – focused on flight tasks and maintaining situational awareness searching for potential threats in your environment.
- Orange – attention diverted to a specific task required for operations but no longer scanning for threats.
- Red – an emergency is occurring or about to occur.

Constantly staying in condition yellow can be difficult, especially when you're in familiar territory or what you consider to be a safe part of your treatment site. It can be easy for your mind to slip into condition white and start thinking about non-flight tasks such as the next job or a personal issue. It can also be easy to switch from condition yellow to condition orange in order to focus on mission-oriented tasks. While the condition orange tasks are necessary for the job, you must accomplish them quickly at a safe altitude and get back to condition yellow.

By staying in condition yellow, you are in the best possible mental state to notice potential threats to your safety and react quickly. These threats can include hazards such as wires, changes to the flying environment, or an abnormality that may indicate danger. Wire strikes frequently occur with experienced pilots, so you cannot use your experience as an excuse to let your guard down – all ag aviators need to stay in condition yellow throughout the flight.

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>.

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