

Fly Safe Campaign



MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS

Don't become a statistic!

NTSB has reported 28 ag accidents including 6 fatal accidents so far this year. There have been 2 fatal accidents not yet reported by NTSB.

WIND FARM ROPES ARE HIDDEN DANGERS; SO ARE MAKING BAD DECISIONS COMPLETELY UNRELATED TO THE MISSION

A 2019 accident highlights two safety concerns: ropes in wind farms and buzzing people. An [NTSB accident report](#) details how a pilot intentionally flew at a low altitude past the wind turbine that he believed his friend was working on. The airplane's right wing struck a rope attached to one of the wind turbine blades that was being held by a worker on the ground. The worker was thrown 20 feet and suffered several broken vertebrae and a broken leg. The aircraft suffered minor damage and the pilot was not injured.

Ropes are used when working on wind turbines to help secure loads and blades. Workers use rappelling and safety ropes to descend down turbines. Whether you are flying within a wind farm or turning within one, make sure to scout for dangers in addition to the turbines, particularly dangers directly adjacent to them. Signs workers may be present using ropes include turbines not revolving where others are, and trucks parked near any of the turbines. If you see these signs, allow a minimum of 200 feet of clearance. It will be difficult to see the ropes themselves, and during windy days they can get blown a considerable distance from the turbine.

In addition, absolutely, positively do not buzz people. Pilots are dying and people are getting critically injured to no purpose. If you feel the need to prove your superior aviation skills, PAASS suggests completing all of your work in a safe and professional manner and hugging your family when you make it home safely each night.

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!

Watch your fax or e-mail every other Monday in April, May, June and August and every Monday in July for scheduled issues. Supplemental messages may be sent when increased flight activity warrants additional safety awareness. To be removed from the "Fly Safe" fax list, please call 202-546-5722 or e-mail information@agaviation.org. Let us know if you wish to be removed only from these Fly Safe messages or all faxes or e-mails from the NAAA.