



# FLY SAFE CAMPAIGN

MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS  
DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!



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**37** Ag Accidents reported by NTSB this year  
**4** Fatalities

## DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN – FOCUS ON EVERY PASS AND MAINTAIN PROFESSIONALISM WITH COVER CROPS

Many operations are experiencing a reduced workload as the end of their season approaches. While it's natural to relax after the busiest part of the season is over, you can't let your guard down. It doesn't matter if you have one field or ten fields to do in a day, or if you've got one pass or 100 passes left. It only takes one moment of lapsed attention to result in an accident. From 2015 to 2024, over 12% of the accidents occurred between September 1 and December 31. PAASS is aware of an ag pilot that had a severe accident on the last pass of his last day of his career.

Keep the threat of wires and other obstructions in your short-term memory. Remind yourself **out loud** about the wires in your next pass. There have been at least two incidents in 2025 where an aircraft struck a vehicle near the field. In one accident, the pilot was aware of and did not forget about the vehicle – they misjudged the height and the distance required to clear it safely. While everyone wants to do the best job possible for their customers, don't risk safety, or the industry's reputation, by getting too close to obstacles.

When it comes to fall aerial application work, many pilots are now seeding cover crops. Cover crops don't have strict label requirements that must be followed and are generally less stressful to apply than pesticides. That does not mean, however, that you can relax your professionalism when seeding cover crops. Seeds can move off target, and while it obviously won't cause the same level of damage an herbicide will, it is putting weeds in someone else's field or property. Ensure your spreader is calibrated and that you take an appropriate effective swath width to ensure a uniform stand of cover crops. A streaked cover crop application does not send the desired message to customers and other growers who see the work.

### Check TFRs

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

### Don't Forget to Communicate

Communicate with other ag aircraft using 122.925 MHz – limit your transmissions to announcing who you are, where you are, and what you plan to do.

**Make a *Fly Safe* Resolution Today!**