



FLY SAFE CAMPAIGN

MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS
DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!



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5 Ag Accidents reported by NTSB this year
0 Fatalities

KEEP ALL ITEMS PLACED IN AG AIRCRAFT SECURED PROPERLY TO AVOID ACCIDENTS

Items such as clipboards, pens, thermos, beverage bottles or cups, windshield cleaner, etc. are common in ag cockpits. It's critical you make sure all items are placed in a secure manner that will prevent them from becoming dislodged during turbulence or ag maneuvering during flight. Remember normalization of deviance - just because you've flown with your morning coffee stuck in the same place for years doesn't mean it won't shift out of place during your next flight.

A recent near miss highlights how quickly things can go wrong when an item becomes dislodged and moves about the cockpit. A water bottle fell out of the cup holder from turbulence and became lodged between control push-pull tubes and the A/C vent tube. This resulted in a loss of right aileron. The pilot had to use the full strength of both hands for 15 minutes to get the aircraft safely on the ground.

In 2024 a ferry flight to deliver a new aircraft ended in a rapid descending left turn into terrain. The cause of the accident was found to be spray equipment and other cargo that was zip-tied to the fuselage structure aft of the baggage compartment. The cargo dislodged during flight, interfering with rudder controls.

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!