



FLY SAFE CAMPAIGN

MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS
DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!



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12 Ag Accidents reported by NTSB this year
2 Fatalities

MAINTAIN SAFE DISTANCE FROM OBSTACLES AND DON'T LET THEM LEAVE YOUR SHORT-TERM MEMORY

There have been recent incidents caused by failing to maintain a safe distance from obstacles. An incident the NTSB chose not to investigate as an accident due to minor damage and no injuries occurred when an ag aircraft's spray boom collided with a truck at the edge of the field. Another occurred when an aircraft collided with an excavator parked near the application site.

Maintaining a safe distance from obstacles during an aerial application is important but ensuring a thorough and uniform application can lead you to work close to certain obstacles. When that occurs, plan on how you will accomplish the mission safely. A field doesn't always need to be flown the most efficient way. If spraying it safer means taking more time to work around an obstacle, then take the time. Making a perfect application is not worth your life.

Colliding with an obstacle the pilot knew was there occurs because every human has a limit of 5 to 9 things they can keep in their short-term memory at one time. Even the most skilled and experienced ag pilot can still only keep 5 to 9 things in their short-term memory at once. As you make your application, other thoughts begin to enter your short-term memory, eventually pushing the obstacle out.

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!