

Fly Safe Campaign



MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS

Don't become a statistic!

**NTSB reports 18 ag accidents, including 4 fatal accidents, for 2024.
An additional 3 fatalities are unreported, making 7 fatal accidents.**

FATAL AG ACCIDENTS CONTINUE TO OCCUR AT ALARMING PACE – THINK SAFETY

It is now the first of July and there have already been 7 fatal ag aviation accidents. There has been an additional fatality in an ag aircraft, but it is classified as a Part 91 instruction flight. No one wants to be a number in the fatal accident tally, but only you can make the choices that prevent that from occurring. Slow down. Take a moment to think about your safety and the family you need to return to.

Technology has made ag aviation more accurate and productive, but you must not to let it distract you or take the place of safe operating procedures. Keep your head out of the cockpit, focused on your flight path and potential threats. If you are having issues with something in your cockpit, pull up and out of the hazard environment and get to an altitude where you can more safely afford to focus your attention on the matter. If the problem requires more than a brief period of effort to resolve, return to base to fix the issue. If you have less than 500 hours time in the type of the aircraft that you are flying, remember that you are at a higher risk of having an accident. Differences in how the aircraft performs and cockpit technology, such as a new GPS, likely both play a role in this increased risk.

Do not let work pressure lead you to make poor choices that compromise your safety. If visibility is below your personal minimums, wait until the weather clears. If you're concerned about the number of wires or other obstructions in a field, turn the job down. Concentrate on your immediate situation when flying. Worrying about a backlog of work, a demanding customer, or the next field takes your mind off where it needs to be. Your short-term memory is limited to 5 or 6 thoughts – don't fill it up with things that don't relate to your current pass.

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 e-mail every other Monday in April and May and every Monday in June, July, and August for scheduled issues. Supplemental messages may be sent when additional safety awareness is warranted. Please call 202-546-5722 or e-mail information@agaviation.org if you wish to be removed only from these Fly Safe messages or all e-mails from the NAAA.