



Helicopter Safety

Safety and Environmental Management System

SEMS 9-6

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- The helicopter pilot is in complete charge of the aircraft at all times.
- Passengers must report their personal weight and the weight of their baggage at sign-in.
- Passengers shall inform the pilot or dispatcher if it is their first time on a helicopter or on a helicopter of this type so appropriate briefing will be performed.
- No Smoking or Cell Phone Use is allowed around the helicopter ground operations nor during flight.
- On all over-water flights, it is required that all personnel wear inflatable life jackets. After landing, place the jacket on the seat, folded properly and not on the floor of the helicopter. Help take care of jackets.
- Always wait until the pilot has made visual contact and signaled before approaching or disembarking. Remain in the pilot's view at all times. All passengers should be escorted by a competent person or Helicopter Landing Officer (HLO).
- Always approach in a stooped position and at a 45 degree angle (i.e. from the side of the aircraft). Persons who must go around the front shall stay close to the nose of the aircraft without touching anything on the outside of the aircraft.
- Always avoid the tail rotor. Never walk beyond the baggage compartment or under the tail boom.
- Always beware of your position in relation to a moving rotor blade when loading or unloading.
- Seat belts are to be worn at all times in flight and until the pilot gives approval for disembarkment. Moving around/changing seats in flight is not permitted.
- Do not throw anything out of the windows of the helicopter.
- Emergency exits are marked with operational instructions. These exits are for emergency use only. Do not use these exits until notified to do so by the pilot.
- In addition to life rafts, other survival equipment is located on board each aircraft. The pilot is trained in the use of this equipment and will direct passengers in the use of each item.
- Portable fire extinguishers are available on each helicopter. The pilot will advise of use if necessary.
- After landing, place the seat belts on the seat. Make sure they are not hanging out of the doors.
- Close the door firmly – do not slam. Be aware of high winds, as they could injure you or damage door.
- Assure the baggage compartment door is securely fastened to prevent opening in flight.
- Inform the pilot when cargo other than baggage is loaded. Cargo should never be loaded without the pilot's approval.
- Loose objects on the heliports or in the helicopter's landing area can be picked up and blown causing equipment damage or personal injury.
- Hard hats and other PPE shall not be worn when approaching or departing the helicopter. All loose items and PPE need to be stowed in a bag or container or be secured to the individual.
- Exercise good conduct at all times. Horseplay is not permitted. In the event of an emergency landing, remain seated with your seat belt fastened securely. The pilot will furnish all necessary evacuation instructions if it becomes necessary to abandon the aircraft.
- Always wear ear protection during flight. Use earplugs provided at the heliport, use the earphone style hearing protection, or use a combination of the two.
- If something that you are carrying blows away from you, let it go! **DO NOT** chase after it. Keep all personal items secured (caps, jackets, etc) until on board helicopter.
- Never inflate your life vest or the inflatable raft while inside the helicopter.
- Supplemental briefing cards are supplied in the helicopters. If you have any questions, please ask.