HELICOPTER PASSENGER BRIEFING

Pilot or designated Helitack must brief all passengers prior to flight

1. **Personal Protective Equipment:** (See IALSE CH 2 for requirements)
   - Nomex Clothing (long-sleeved shirt & pants, or flight suit)
   - Approved Helicopter Flight Helmet, or (for fire crew transport only, per IALSE CH 1.5) hardhat
   - All-Leather Boots
   - Hearing and Eye Protection
   - Flame Resistant or Leather Gloves - gloves should fit snugly, with adequate dexterity, to enhance operation of seat belts and emergency exits
   - Seatbelts - proper operation of buckle and lap/shoulder strap adjustments for all passengers
   - Survival Equipment as applicable (PFD, etc.)

2. **NO Smoking:** In or around aircraft

3. **Approach and departure:**
   - Stay clear of landing area during approach/departure
   - Always approach/depart from the down slope (lower) side as directed by Pilot/Helitack
   - Approach/depart helicopter in a crouch position, do not run
   - Keep in pilot’s view at all times
   - Do not reach up or chase after loose objects
   - Never go near the tail of the helicopter

4. **Tools and Equipment:**
   - Secure light/loose items awaiting transport
   - Assign personnel for carrying tools/equipment to/from helicopter
   - Carry tools/long objects parallel to the ground, never on shoulder
   - All tools and equipment loaded/unloaded by qualified personnel
   - Portable Radios turned off

5. **Helicopter Doors and Emergency Exits:** Know location and how to operate
6. **In-Flight Discipline:**
   - Follow pilot instructions
   - Loose items inside of aircraft secured and manageable
   - All baggage secured in aircraft or cargo compartment
   - No movement inside aircraft once seated
   - Never throw any object from the helicopter
   - Keep clear of the flight controls at all times
   - Unbuckle only when directed to do so by Pilot or Helitack
   - Wait for Helitack personnel to open/close doors
   - Know location of first aid kit, survival kit, fire extinguisher, ELT (Emergency Locator Transmitter) fuel and battery shut-off switch location and operation, radio operation

7. **In-Flight Emergency Procedures**
   - Follow Instructions of Pilot/Helitack personnel
   - Snug seatbelt and shoulder harness; secure gear
   - **Emergency Seating Positions:**
     - **Forward Facing Seat:**
       - Press lower torso firmly against the seatback
       - Lower chin to chest
       - Grip the seat edge with hands or place hands under thighs
     - **Rear Facing Seat:**
       - Same as forward facing seat except, place head back against the head rest or bulkhead
     - **Side Facing Seat:**
       - Lean toward the front of the aircraft and brace upper torso and head against whatever might be contacted, or move head in the direction of impact to reduce flailing
   - Move clear of the aircraft only after rotor blades stop or when instructed to by the pilot or helicopter crew
   - Assist injured personnel
   - Assess situation, remove first aid kit, survival kit, radio, ELT and fire extinguisher. Render first aid. Attempt to establish contact