

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

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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