

Helicopter Safety Stand-Downs: Who Should Attend?

Helicopter-Specific Regional Safety Seminars for Pilots, Managers, and Maintainers

Free - Convenient - Sponsored by the FAA - WINGS and AMT Credits Available

Tired of our industry's "same accident, different day" routine? Sure, but what's the alternative? Improving your safety game can be a challenge, especially as you work each day to keep the lights on and the aircraft flying.

The Helicopter Safety Alliance hosts Helicopter Safety Stand-Downs that provide continuing education for pilots, maintainers, and managers of small operations. We believe that bringing these three disciplines together creates the right environment for learning about current trends in aviation safety and networking with our peers.



Regular participation in peer-to-peer education events like this is associated with a **significant decrease in the likelihood of having an accident**. Additionally, we believe that by managing the risks associated with helicopter operations, the threat of accidents can be further reduced.

There is **no charge to attend**, and the HSA Helicopter Safety Stand-Downs are held **in conjunction with your local FAASTeam**. WINGS and AMT credits are available for attending.

A Helicopter Safety Stand-Down usually **begins at 0730** with an hour of networking over coffee and danish. The general sessions start at 0830 and include several speakers addressing attendees about ways to improve safety in small operations. After lunch, we split into three breakout groups to cover subjects specific to the three tracks. Sample topics from past Stand-Downs are below. The Stand-Down typically **breaks up at 1600**.

General Session	Sample Session Topics
	Achieving safety in small operations - Your relationship with the FAA - SMS for small operations
Track	Sample Breakout Topics
Pilots	Risk management - Airworthiness - Medical updates by AME - FDM: current trends - Accident review - Regional/seasonal safety updates
Maintainers	Human factors in aviation maintenance (the "Dirty Dozen")
Managers	After the accident - Risk management - FDM in small operations

We try to pack a lot into a Stand-Down, and we believe spending a day discussing current challenges in helicopter aviation with your peers will be worth it to you. In a recent survey, 100% of Stand-Down attendees responding said they would **recommend attending an HSA Helicopter Safety Stand-Down to a colleague**. We hope that, just like them, you too can take a day to work on the safety of your operation!

Check out our website, helicoptersafetyalliance.com, to see our upcoming shows. Registration for Helicopter Safety Stand-Downs is done through the FAA's SPANS system; for pilots and maintainers, if you are registered for either WINGS or AMT credits, you will be notified of Stand-Downs in your area. See you there!

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PS: Email me at stan@helicoptersafetyalliance.com with any questions or feedback on how we're doing. Thanks!