

Public Benefit Flying: Balancing Safety and Compassion



PERSONAL MINIMUMS CHECKLIST

- GENERAL AIRCRAFT EXPERIENCE
 - Single-engine fixed-gear: ___ hours in past ___ months
 - Single-engine retractable-gear: ___ hours in past ___ months
 - Multiengine: ___ hours in in past ___ months

- OPERATIONAL CURRENCY / PROFICIENCY
 - Flight review within previous ___ months
 - Day landings: ___ landings in previous ___ days
 - Night landings: ___ night landings in previous ___ days
 - IFR: ___ instrument hours and ___ instrument approaches in the past ___ days/months

- WEATHER CONDITIONS
 - VFR: Ceiling ___ feet/visibility ___ miles
 - IFR – Departure: Ceiling ___ feet/visibility ___ miles
 - IFR – Arrival: Ceiling ___ feet/visibility ___ miles
 - Crosswind component: No more than ___ knots

- FUEL RESERVE
 - Day VFR: ___ hour(s) ___ minutes
 - Night VFR: ___ hour(s) ___ minutes
 - IFR: ___ hour(s) ___ minutes

- OTHER
 - Rest: ___ hours of rest (sleep and relaxation) in previous 24 hours

COMPASSION CALL SIGN

FAA FLIGHT PLAN

- Block 2: ICAO identifier **CMF** and last three tail number characters
- Block 11: **COMPASSION** and full aircraft identifier

*Example, for N7371G, enter CMF71G in aircraft identification block and **COMPASSION N7371G VOLUNTEER FLYERS** (and additional remarks) in remarks block*

RADIO CALL

- On initial contact use “**COMPASSION**” and aircraft identifier in flight plan

*Example, “City Approach, **COMPASSION Seven One Golf** level at three thousand”*

IN-FLIGHT MEDICAL EMERGENCY

- Declare emergency with ATC (get priority handling)
- Use **LIFEGUARD** call sign for a sudden **medical emergency** (to expedite medical assistance after landing at nearest airport)

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BRIEFINGS CHECKLISTS

FIRST CALL

- Contact details/appointment time
- FBO/meeting time
- Cancellation reasons/back up plan
- Lack of inflight toilet facilities
- Inflight comforts (sunglasses/reading material/sweater)
- Observation flights: maps, minimum altitude/visibility)

CONFIRM DETAILS AND SPECIAL NEEDS

- Passengers/baggage (numbers/weights)
- Supplemental oxygen (FAA approved)
- Approved child restraint seats
- Step stool to enter/exit aircraft
- Wheelchair needs
- Animals: secured/walked prior to flight
- Observation flights: photography/video equipment, doors removed

IDENTIFY FLYING EXPERIENCE

- GA flying/safety explanation
- Assistant (base on passengers' anxiety level)

PREFLIGHT BRIEFING

- Welcome cards/forms to be signed
- Weather forecast update (flight conditions/changes to ETE)
- Ramp safety (spinning propellers/escort passengers)
- Safe aircraft boarding/exiting (handholds/stepping areas)
- Sterile cockpit (takeoff/landing)
- ATC communication/mute intercom at times
- Engine/gear sounds (climb/cruise/descent and gear retraction/extension)

CABIN BRIEFING

- How to adjust/lock seats (especially important right front seat passenger)
- Seatbelts (shoulder harness if installed):
 - How to fasten/unfasten
 - Fastened before taxi/takeoff/landing
 - Keep latched in flight
 - Secure toddler car seats
- Questions?

SICK SACKS AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

- Speak up if feeling ill
- Sick sacks/emergency exits/windows/emergency equipment locations
- How to open/close doors
- Rapid aircraft evacuation procedures
- Parachute equipped aircraft: emergency deployment

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