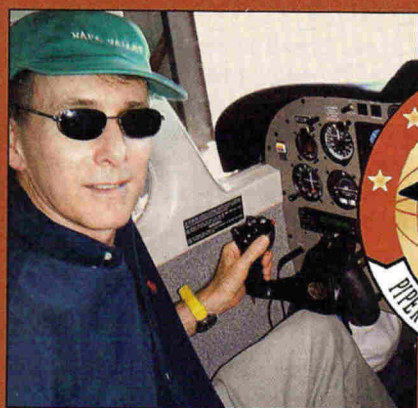


AVIATORS' MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT



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Recommended practices for general aviation pilots to advance flight safety, airmanship and the general aviation community

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Introduction

The Aviators' Model Code of Conduct (Code of Conduct) presents broad guidance for general aviation (GA) pilots to help them advance airmanship, flight safety, the culture of GA and the vibrancy of GA in general. The Code of Conduct addresses issues of importance to aviators and advances a vision of excellence in aviation. Its principles both complement and supplement minimum regulatory standards - since what is merely legal in aviation is not necessarily safe or wise.

The Principles:

The Code of Conduct consists of the following seven sections (each containing principles), with associated explanations:

- General Responsibilities of Aviators
- Passengers and Parties on the Surface
- Training and Proficiency
- Security
- Environmental Issues
- Use of Available Technology
- Advancement and Promotion of General Aviation

The Sample Recommended Practices:

To further the effective use of its principles by GA pilots, the Code of Conduct provides Sample Recommended Practices following each section. These offer examples of ways pilots might integrate the principles into their own practices. The Sample Recommended Practices combine recommended practices with certain personal minimums. They can serve as templates to help pilots and GA organizations develop practices uniquely suited to their own activities and situations. Unlike the Code of Conduct principles themselves, which are immutable, the Sample Recommended Practices may be modified to satisfy the unique capabilities and requirements of each pilot, mission, aircraft, and GA organization. Some Sample

Recommended Practices do in fact exceed the stringency of their associated Code of Conduct principles. They are not presented in any particular order, except that instrument flight rule (IFR)-specific Sample Recommended Practices appear last.

Benefits of the Code of Conduct:

The Code of Conduct benefits pilots and the GA community by highlighting important practices that will help pilots become better, safer aviators, addressing individual pilot's roles within the larger GA community, by examining issues such as improved pilot training, better airmanship, desired pilot conduct and pilot's contributions to the GA community and society at large, encouraging the development and adoption of ethical guidelines, advancing self-regulation by the GA community instead of burdensome governmental regulation, and promoting GA and making flying a more rewarding experience.

Aviators' Model Code of Conduct - Principles

I. General Responsibilities of Aviators

In undertaking aviation activities, pilots should:

- a. make safety their number one priority,
- b. seek excellence in airmanship,
- c. develop and exercise good judgment,
- d. recognize and manage risks effectively,
- e. adhere to prudent operating practices and personal operating parameters (e.g., minimums),
- f. aspire to professionalism, act with responsibility and courtesy, and adhere to applicable laws and regulations.

Explanation: Code of Conduct Section I serves as a preamble to and umbrella for the Code of Conduct's other principles. It emphasizes safety, excellence, risk management, responsibility, and lays the foundation for accountability and heightened diligence.