



Toolbox Talk

Transportation by Helicopter

Some of us are required to travel by helicopter to remote camps or work platforms. The following safety tips are intended to be general safety rules for people being transported by helicopter to these remote locations.

- If the blades are rotating, always approach and leave the helicopter in a crouched position so that you are well below the rotor tips.
- Always approach and leave a helicopter from the sides and in view of the pilot. This will enable the pilot to know when you are clear of the helicopter.
- Never walk near or under the tail boom or the tail rotor of a helicopter. The section around the tail rotor blades is the most dangerous area of a helicopter. These tail rotor blades are at and below the head height. Therefore, never approach a helicopter from the rear for any reason whatsoever.
- There may be some cases where you will be required to get on board without the blades coming to a complete stop. But whenever possible, load and unload with the rotors stationary.
- Do not approach a helicopter without the pilot's knowledge. You should wait for a signal from the pilot before you approach the helicopter for boarding or loading cargo.
- Always hand carry hats, caps and other light items that can be blown into the rotor or engine intake.
- Extra caution should be used when carrying hand-held items, such as small sections of pipe, cartons or fishing rods onto the helicopter. These items should be carried low enough so that they do not interfere with the rotors.
- Seat belts should be worn throughout the flight.
- Never move about the cabin nor move cargo within the helicopter while the helicopter is in flight. This can change the weight distribution and affect the operation of the helicopter.
- Only those persons who are loading or unloading cargo or actually boarding or leaving the helicopter should be on the flight deck. In the case of offshore personnel, they should stay below the deck during takeoffs and landings.
- Always familiarize yourself with the safety information associated with the particular helicopter you are flying in. If you don't clearly understand what you should do in a case of an emergency, ask a member of the flight crew.

Now sit back and enjoy your flight!

