



Safe Working Around Equipment and Vehicles

In this issue of *Inside Choice Aviation*, we're highlighting the importance of **safe working practices around ground support equipment (GSE) and vehicles**. These tools are essential to our daily operations, but when used improperly or without full attention, they can cause severe injuries or fatalities.

Tragically, recent events within the aviation industry have underscored these dangers. In one incident, an employee lost their life after their long hair became entangled in a belt loader during the loading/unloading process. Such incidents serve as a sobering reminder of why we must **stay vigilant and strictly adhere to safe operating procedures** whenever working near moving machinery and vehicles.

IATA GUIDANCE

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has reviewed and updated relevant procedures in the IGOM/AHM manuals within the past three years. The following cautions and requirements are in effect and must be followed at all times:

- **IGOM 3.1.3.1 / AHM 462:** Personnel working with or around vehicles and equipment must protect themselves from loose clothing, long hair, and/or hanging accessories or jewelry that could become caught or trapped in equipment.
- **IGOM 3.1.2.5:** Neckties or other loose hanging accessories that may pose a risk must be of the quick-release (clip) type.
- **IGOM 3.1.3.7 (Caution):** Always use care when working around a moving belt. Stay alert for potential trap hazards when raising or lowering safety rails. Keep hands and fingers clear of belt edges or ends where they could become trapped. Stop belt movement before attempting to clear any obstructions.

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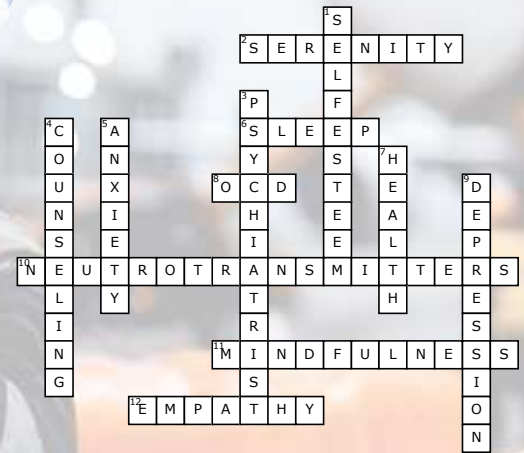
To ensure the safety of all team members, Inside Choice Aviation requires that all personnel follow these best practices when operating or working near equipment and vehicles:

- **Avoid wearing loose clothing and remove jewelry** before starting work.
- **Secure long hair** — tie it back or cover it with appropriate headgear.
- **Stay alert** and remain aware of moving equipment, vehicle paths, and conveyor belts.
- **Use the buddy system** — watch out for one another and report unsafe conditions immediately.
- **Never attempt to clear obstructions** while belts or conveyors are in motion.
- **Follow safety barrier and guardrail procedures** when raising or lowering equipment.
- **Stop and lock out all moving parts** before cleaning, maintenance, or obstruction removal.

Stay Alert. Stay Safe. Protect Yourself and Your Team.
Inside Choice Aviation - Safety is Everyone's Responsibility.



Mental Health Bulletin#8 Puzzle Answers



Across

2. State of calm and peace of mind
6. Essential for overall well-being, helps regulate mood
8. Condition causing repeated unwanted thoughts or behavior (Abbreviation)
10. Chemical messengers in the brain
11. Practice focused on the present moment to reduce stress
12. The ability to understand and share the feelings of another

Down

1. The way you perceive your own value
3. A professional who diagnoses and treats mental disorders
4. Talking therapy that helps individuals cope with mental health problems
5. Feeling of intense apprehension often accompanied by physical symptoms
7. A state of complete physical, mental and social well being
9. Condition characterized by persistent sadness and loss of interest