



SAFETY STOP

Empowered to Pause. Responsible to Protect.

In this issue of *Inside Choice Aviation*, I want to discuss how in aviation operations, safety must always take priority over schedules, operational pressures, or productivity demands. Every employee, regardless of position or tenure, has both the responsibility and the authority to stop an operation when unsafe conditions exist. This principle is known as a **Safety Stop**.



A Safety Stop is one of the most important tools available to frontline employees and leadership. It empowers individuals to pause an operation when a hazard, unsafe act, equipment malfunction, environmental condition, or operational concern could place employees, passengers, aircraft, equipment, or facilities at risk.

What Is a Safety Stop?

A Safety Stop occurs when an employee intentionally pauses or halts an operation due to a safety concern to:

- Prevent injuries
- Avoid aircraft damage
- Eliminate hazards
- Reassess unsafe conditions
- Restore safe operating conditions before continuing work

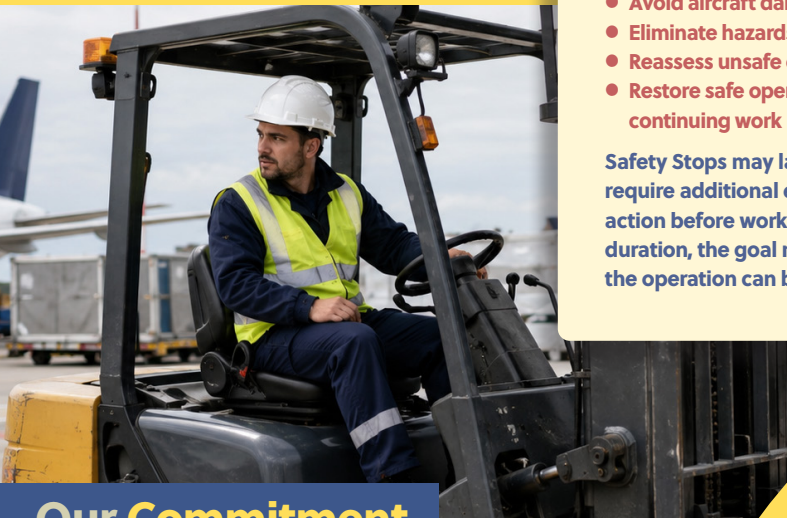
Safety Stops may last only a few moments or require additional evaluation and corrective action before work resumes. Regardless of duration, the goal remains the same: ensure the operation can be completed safely.

When Should You Initiate a Safety Stop?

Examples include:

- Unsafe ramp conditions or congestion
- Equipment malfunctions or damage
- Adverse weather conditions
- Unclear communication among team members
- Missing or improperly used personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Aircraft, vehicle, or ground support equipment positioned unsafely
- Any situation where you are uncertain about the safety of continuing the task

If something doesn't look right, sound right, or feel right, stop and address the concern.



Our Commitment

Choice Aviation Services fully supports every employee's right to initiate a Safety Stop. No employee will be penalized for stopping an operation in good faith due to a legitimate safety concern.

Strong Safety Stop programs demonstrate that safety is more important than schedule pressure, customer demands, or operational convenience.

Remember

Employees should never hesitate to stop an operation when unsafe conditions exist.

In aviation, taking a moment to stop and reassess can prevent costly damage, serious injury, or even loss of life.

Safety Message of the Month

**STOP • ASSESS • COMMUNICATE
CORRECT • CONTINUE**

A Safety Stop is not a delay—it's a decision to protect lives, equipment, and our operation.

The safest operation is not always the fastest operation. It is the operation performed correctly, deliberately, and without unnecessary risk.

Safety First. Every Flight. Every Shift. Every Time.

A strong safety culture is built when employees feel empowered to speak up and take action. Thank you for looking out for one another and helping us maintain the highest safety standards across our operation.