

Accident/Incident Checklist

The following post-crash checklist is adapted from a similar product developed by the United States Aircraft Insurance Group as part of its corporate aircraft accident response plan. It's based on the easy-to-remember acronym "MANIFEST."



MAYDAY

Declare an emergency, if able, while airborne. It is important to acknowledge the seriousness of an emergency situation. Declaring "Mayday" as early as possible allows more time for emergency personnel to respond.

ABANDON AIRCRAFT

Evacuate according to your aircraft's flight manual or POH.

NOTIFY AUTHORITIES

Inform local police, fire and rescue at the accident site of any passenger injuries and arrange for treatment.

ISOLATE

With law enforcement assistance, isolate and secure the scene. It's your responsibility to preserve the site's integrity for investigators.

FIRST AID

Render emergency first aid to injured persons. Arrange for a physician's medical treatment for all passengers and crew whether they appear injured or not.

EYEWITNESSES

Observe anyone in the area at the time of the incident who may be an eyewitness. Try to obtain names and addresses to contact them later.

SILENCE

Other than responding to emergency medical treatment inquiries, do not speak to anyone at the scene. You must have the opportunity to fully recover from shock, review the event in a thoughtful manner and seek legal counsel before making any statements to the FAA, the NTSB or the media. You must produce aircraft documents, your pilot's certificate and medical certificate, plus submit to blood alcohol tests according to the FARs.

TELL A PROFESSIONAL

Contact your attorney and advise him/her of the situation. Call your insurance company and tell them about the great deal they just got on a used aircraft.