



TAKE FIVE

for safety
Five minutes reading
could save your life!

Runway incursions

It is very difficult for pilots and controllers to see and track the many different-sized airplanes and vehicles moving on the airport surface on clear days. Add weather and/or darkness and the problem can explode.

So, start your own ground safety awareness program by noting the following suggestions (note that most of these apply in the air):

- Always communicate clearly and use the proper phraseology.
- Read back clearances with restrictions (altitude, heading, runway number, etc.). If they are not clearly understood, do not hesitate to request clarification. It is a sign of the professional pilot.
- Keep an uncluttered cockpit; avoid idle chitchat; listen to the other traffic on your frequency.
- If your aircraft is moving, keep a good lookout.
- Proceed with caution when approaching any other *taxiway or runway*.
- Be ready when cleared for takeoff; do not move into the active runway while trying to finish the checklist. When you hesitate in position, you destroy the timing of every controller and pilot who anticipates your action.

