

## AVOIDING RUNWAY INCURSIONS

Even on a clear day, it's hard for pilots and controllers to see and track the many different-sized airplanes and vehicles moving at an airport. Add bad weather or darkness and the problem can get much worse.

### Safety awareness

Here are some suggestions for starting your own ground safety awareness program at an airport. Most of these tips apply both on the ground and in the air.

- Always communicate clearly and use the proper phraseology
- Read back clearances with restrictions (altitude, heading, runway number)
  - If you don't hear them clearly, always ask for clarification; this is a sign of a professional pilot
- Keep an uncluttered cockpit
- Avoid idle conversation
- Listen to the other traffic on your frequency
- If you aircraft is moving, keep a good lookout
- Proceed with caution when approaching any other taxiway or runway
  - To learn more about how to avoid collisions, see [Aircraft/vehicle conflict](#)
- Don't move into the active runway while trying to finish your personal safety checklist
- Be ready when cleared for takeoff
  - When you hesitate in position, you destroy the timing of every controller and pilot who anticipates your action

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