



Civil Aviation Authority  
**SAFETY NOTICE**  
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## FAA Flight Prohibition in the Use of Supplemental Helicopter Harnesses

**This Safety Notice contains recommendations regarding operational safety.**

Recipients must ensure that this Notice is copied to all members of their staff who need to take appropriate action or who may have an interest in the information (including any 'in-house' or contracted maintenance organisations and relevant outside contractors).

<b>Applicability:</b>	
<b>Aerodromes:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Air Traffic:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Airspace:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Airworthiness:</b>	Not primarily affected
<b>Flight Operations:</b>	All Helicopter Operators and Owners
<b>Licensed/Unlicensed Personnel:</b>	All Helicopter Pilots

### 1 Introduction

1.1 Following a fatal helicopter accident near New York City, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have issued an Emergency Order of Prohibition to all operators and pilots of flights for compensation or hire with the doors open or removed in the United States of America or using aircraft registered in the United States of America for doors off flights. The Emergency Order prohibits the use of supplemental passenger restraint systems that cannot be released quickly in an emergency in doors off flight operations. It also prohibits passenger-carrying doors off flight operations unless the passengers are at all times properly secured using FAA-approved restraints.

1.2 [https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Notice/N8900.456\\_FAAWeb.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Notice/N8900.456_FAAWeb.pdf)

### 2 Action to be Taken

2.1 As a result of this prohibition, helicopter operators and owners are recommended to review their current procedures for flights involving the opening or removal of doors and ensure they are operating in accordance with the annex of [Commission Regulation \(EU\) No 965/2012](#) (EASA Air Operations) relevant to the nature of their operation.

### **3 Further Information**

- 3.1 For further details refer to the relevant section of [EASA Air Operations](#) related to “Seats, seat safety belts, restraint systems and child restraint devices”, referenced below.

Part CAT.IDE.H.205  
Part SPO.IDE.H.160  
Part NCC.IDE.H.180  
Part NCO.IDE.H.140

### **4 Queries**

- 4.1 Any queries or further guidance required as a result of this communication should be addressed to: [foi.helicopters@caa.co.uk](mailto:foi.helicopters@caa.co.uk).

### **5 Cancellation**

- 5.1 This Safety Notice shall remain in force until further notice.