

Attachment 6a. Consent Form for Operators

**Improving Safety among Workers in the Commercial Aviation Industry in Alaska
National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health
Consent to be in a Research Study (10/05/2020)**

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What is this about?

The Alaska Aviation Workers Safety Study is research on ways to reduce workplace injuries and increase safety for workers in the Alaska aviation industry. We are asking you, as an air carrier operator, to complete a survey. We want to learn from you:

- How many employees you have in certain jobs
- What practices and procedures put employees at risk
- What you do to reduce risk
- Your opinion of different types of safety equipment
- Whether you also work as a pilot

As part of this research we will also ask pilots, mechanics, ramp, baggage, cargo, dock, and customer service agents to complete a survey that asks similar questions.

What will I do?

You will complete an online survey that asks questions on topics like the ones listed above and others about jobs and company policies. We don't ask questions about matters that are considered private such as criminal behavior, alcohol or drug use, sexual behavior, or religious beliefs. It will take about 25 minutes to complete the survey.

Who is paying for this?

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, or NIOSH, is paying for this study. NIOSH is a federal agency that studies worker safety and health. NIOSH has hired the University of Alaska's Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) to conduct and analyze these safety surveys.

Who will know what I said?

Neither your name nor your company's name will be on any reports or publications about this study. Neither NIOSH, the Federal Aviation Administration, nor anyone other than two researchers at ISER, will know who participated or what any person said. A computer program will assign a number to your survey; this computer file will not have your name or

address. The federal Office of Management and Budget has reviewed and approved the survey for this project. We will protect your information to the extent allowed by law.

Will I receive any benefits from answering this survey?

There are no benefits for you personally for completing this survey. However, the results of this study may benefit aviation workers in Alaska.

Are there risks or will I feel uncomfortable from being in this research?

Questions about your company, safety policies, or on the job injuries or illnesses may make you feel uncomfortable. There are no other known risks.

Am I a volunteer?

Yes, being in this study is voluntary. You may stop at any time and don't have to answer any questions you don't want to answer. You may skip a question if you wish. Nothing bad will happen if you choose not to answer some or all of the questions.

What if I have questions?

If you have questions about this research, contact Rosylnd Frazier at the phone number or email address at the top of this page. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, contact the UAA Office of Research Integrity and Compliance at (907) 786-1099 or uaa_oric@alaska.edu

Reporting Burden

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Do you agree to be in this study?

Agreeing to be in this research study means you are 18 years old or older, have read this form, and are willing to answer the questions. If you have questions at any time in this study, please contact one of the people listed above.

- Yes, I agree to be in this research study.
- No, I do not want to be in this research study.

There is a copy of this consent form online at the website: www.iseralaska.org