The Circle of Safety

With the FAA’s (Federal Aviation Administration’s) Circle of Safety program, you have a role in sharing the responsibility for your own safety. In Alaska, where roads are few, small charter or commuter aircraft provide the only access to many locations. As passengers we place tremendous trust in the people we’ve hired to transport us. At the same time, we can unknowingly place pressure on airline personnel because they wish to please the customer and get them where they want to go. Air carrier safety information can be found at www.faa.gov/go/flyalaska.

When passengers know their rights and responsibilities, aviation is safer for everyone.

For more information, contact:
Alaskan FAASTeam Field Office
Toll free 866-357-4704
www.faa.gov/go/flyalaska
Know your rights
As a passenger, you have the right to...

- Ask about pilot experience
- Ask if the pilot has filed a flight plan
- Ask for a complete safety briefing
- Ask if this is an instrument flight
- Ask if the carrier uses 406 MHz ELT, which provides for much faster rescue if needed
- Ask if the carrier is a Medallion member with higher safety standards, or check the list at www.medallionfoundation.org

Know your responsibilities
As a passenger, take responsibility for your safety

- Wear appropriate clothing for the weather
- Be alert for pilot fatigue
- Don’t ask the pilot to exceed the weight limits
- Don’t ask pilots to fly low
- Accept a cancellation or delay
- Pay attention during the safety briefing

Hazardous materials
Review what types of materials can be transported

Ask your air carrier for information, or learn more at www.faa.gov by clicking on “Travelers” in the upper right corner, then on “What can you bring on board?” under “Preparing to Fly.”