



Federal Aviation  
Administration

# Airport Safety 2025



Southern Regional Airports Division

# Nice wind cone, but can you read the sign?



When tall grass obscures airfield signs, it must be addressed promptly.

Cover photo: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL)

# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



# A wildlife entrance to the airfield has been found!



Keeping the airfield drained, while restricting entrances for wildlife is not always easy.

# February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	5	26	27	28	

# When inspecting fuel trucks ... look underneath, too



This fuel truck has a broken exhaust system hanger, which could lead to a future exhaust leak and potential fire safety issue.

# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	5	26	27	28	29
30	31					



# Are your runway markings obscured by rubber?



This airfield condition is common, at busy airports, but also requires a NOTAM to be issued. Don't forget to issue the NOTAM in-between maintenance cycles.



# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

# Is that a bird nest inside the wind cone?



During daily inspections, wind cones must be inspected for visibility and operation. Water can also accumulate inside, if the drain holes are not installed properly.



# May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Just a “quick puff” of dry chemical



During the FAA inspection, vehicle operators may be requested to discharge a “quick puff” of dry chemical, during the timed response drill. Remember to check the wind!



# June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

# Water accumulation or ponding?



## Part 139.309 Safety Areas

(b)(2) Each safety area must be drained by grading or storm sewers to prevent water accumulation



# July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# How many issues were found in this safety area?



All of these items were discovered during the annual FAA inspection. How often does your staff conduct detailed inspections of your runway safety areas?

# August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



## Got reflectivity?



Type I glass beads must be used in the red background paint on surface painted holding position signs (SPHPS).

# September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	23	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# Signs, signs, everywhere a sign!



Airports must ensure that the signs installed on their airfield matches the FAA-approved Airport Sign and Marking Plan and meets FAA Advisory Circular standards.



# October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

# A busy airfield is exciting!



Inspections are not easy when the airfield is congested. Good planning, prior to an FAA inspection, will make the inspection flow safer for everyone.

# November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	5	26	27	28	29
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# What are those shiny things in the crack?



Excess glass beads, which are not properly removed, are considered Foreign Object Debris. This was found on an active runway during an FAA inspection.

# December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	23	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			