

Examples of Helicopter Special Provisions

As appropriate, include the applicable special provisions with the provisions in paragraph A of this section for performing helicopter activities.

1. Helicopters may perform aerobatic maneuvers no closer than 1,000 feet horizontally from a spectator area. Helicopter aerobatic pilots may perform only those maneuvers listed on their aerobatic competency card (FAA form 8710-7). Helicopters performing aerobatic maneuvers shall have a valid and current special airworthiness certificate issued in the Experimental Category for the purpose of exhibition. Aerobatic maneuvers must be listed in accordance with operating limitations. The helicopter shall not be operated contrary to any operating or special limitation issued as a part of that special airworthiness certificate.
2. Helicopters may perform non-aerobatic maneuvers no closer than 500 feet horizontally from a spectator area. These maneuvers may include abrupt pedal turns, sideward and rearward flight maneuvers, out-of-ground effect hovering, continued operation in the avoid area of the height velocity diagram, and turns not exceeding 90° of bank. All helicopter performances must terminate no closer than 500 feet from the spectator area.
3. Helicopter takeoff and landing areas used for providing helicopter rides to the public must be protected in a manner that will prevent unauthorized persons from entering the helipad area. The pads must be at a location that will prevent the helicopter from passing over spectators during takeoff or landing.