



Elevate your Safety Performance with a Safety Management System (SMS).

Aviation safety doesn't happen by accident.

Actively manage your safety by implementing a voluntary SMS.

SMS is a formal, top-down, organization-wide approach to managing safety risk and ensuring the effectiveness of safety risk controls. An SMS is made up of four components.

Safety Policy

The Certificate Holder's documented commitment to safety, which defines its safety objectives and the accountabilities and responsibilities of its employees regarding safety.

Safety Risk Management

A process within the SMS composed of describing the system, identifying the hazards, and analyzing, assessing, and controlling safety risk.



Safety Assurance

Processes within the SMS that function systematically to ensure the performance and effectiveness of safety risk controls and that the organization meets or exceeds its safety objectives through collecting, analyzing, and assessing information.

Safety Promotion

A combination of training and communicating safety information to support an organization's safety performance and safety culture.

Benefits of managing safety with a voluntary, formal SMS:

- ✓ **Increases safety** by supporting a proactive, predictive method of managing safety to identify and address problems before they occur.
- ✓ **Realizes cost savings** with the ability to anticipate and prevent costly accidents.
- ✓ **Increases customer confidence** in the Certificate Holder's ability to operate safely and **potentially increase new and return business.**
- ✓ **Increases eligibility for certain contracts.**
- ✓ **Demonstrates safety as a priority** to recruit and retain high-caliber staff and to strengthen an organization's safety culture.
- ✓ **Improves data-informed decision making** to prioritize resource allocation.
- ✓ **Enhances communication about safety** by using common, consistent terminology within the organization and throughout industry.
- ✓ **An FAA-accepted SMS** is recognized by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

SMS is a globally recognized method of managing safety and a significant step in the evolution of safety performance.

Are you an aviation service provider (other than 14 CFR part 121) looking to implement a voluntary SMS? The FAA can support you in implementing a formal SMS through its SMS Voluntary Program (SMSVP). **The SMSVP Standard is the basis for formal State recognition of a Certificate Holder's SMS.** What are you waiting for? Contact the FAA to learn more.

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