



Procedure Number: **OPS - 001**
Procedure: **Aviation Activity on Campus**
References: [FAR](#), [CFR](#) Title14, 91.3, 91.119
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EXPLANATION

Over the years, The University of Montana has given limited consent for a multitude of aviation flights on or near the campus. With the advent of new experimental home-built aircraft, hot-air balloons, micro-light aircraft and rotary wing aircraft, The University has received several requests for demonstration flights onto the campus. In that the University presently hosts both the Missoula Hang Gliders Association and the Silvertip Sky Divers, there exists a strong possibility for mid-air accidents if strict safety rules are not established for these and various other types of aircraft. (See procedures 002 and 003)

PROCEDURE

All requests for flight activities will be submitted in writing to the Office of Public Safety not later than five working days prior to the requested event. Exception to this is on a case-by-case basis.

The pilot will maintain proof of \$250,000.00 bodily injury and property damage liability insurance.

Flights will never be conducted in a manner, which could endanger spectators.

The flight plan shall be subject to approval or denial by the Public Safety Director and any other state or federal agency so empowered.

The following Code of Federal Regulations CFR, Chapter 14, parts 91.3 and 91.119 shall govern all aircraft flying in the vicinity of The University of Montana:

91.3 Responsibility and authority of the pilot in command.

- a. The pilot in command of an aircraft is directly responsible for, and is the final authority as to, the operation of that aircraft.
- b. In an in-flight emergency requiring immediate action, the pilot in command may deviate from any rule of this part, to the extent required to meet the emergency.
- c. Each pilot in command who deviates from a rule under paragraph b. of this section shall, upon the request of the Administrator, send a written report of that deviation to the Administrator.

91.119 Minimum safe altitudes: General

Except when necessary for takeoff or landing, no person may operate an aircraft below the following altitudes:

- a. Anywhere. Below an altitude, which would allow an emergency landing without undue hazards to persons or property on the surface if a power unit fails.
- b. Over congested areas. Over any congested area of a city, town, or settlement, or over any open air assembly of persons, an altitude of 1,000 feet above the highest obstacle within a horizontal radius of 2,000 feet of the aircraft.

This policy and procedure shall apply to the following types of aviation activities:

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| Micro light Aircraft | Glider Aircraft |
| Hot-Air Balloons | Rotary Wing --- Civilian |
| Fixed Wing --- Civilian | Rotary Wing --- Military |
| Fixed Wing --- Military | Gyro-Copters |
| All other experimental aircraft | |