Safety-Checklists

After the flight

Aircraft secured?	
Flight plan closed (SAR-alert-APP)?	
Entry in logbook made?	
Report an EU376/2014 incident at aviationreporting.eu	

My notes:			

More safety information available at staysafe.aero

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Safety first, every flight, every time.





Flight preparation and operation

I'M SAFE-Checklist							
Ilness	I am healthy and fit						
M edication	I am not taking any medication						
S tress	I am not suffering from stress (job, family)						
A lcohol	There's no alcohol in my blood						
F atigue	I am fully rested						
E ating	I have had something to eat and drink						

PAVE-Checklist: Your personal minimums and risks

Pilot	Licence, medical, photo ID, I'M SAFE, 90-day rule, personal recency	
A ircraft	Assess performance/characteristics, performance calculations, W&B, fuel, AFM limitations, on-board documents, check tablet/mobile phone is charged, equipment necessary for flight according to NCO.IDE, check flight logbook, impact of faults	
en V ironment	Weather: General weather situation, TAF, METAR, GAFOR, Low LVL SIGWX Alps, radar, wind, webcams, density altitude, temp/dew point. Terrain: Experience of mountain flying, minimum altitudes over towns, obstacles and mountains, safe altitude at which to fly over mountain passes Aerodromes: Approach route, alternate, NOTAM, customs declaration Airspace: Route planning, NOTAM and DABS Time of day: Twilight	
E xternal Pressures	Deadlines, solo flight or flight with friends/strangers, customs, ATC flight plan, critical self-assessment	

Typical Swiss wind situations

- A «Föhn» wind arises when there is a north-south pressure difference of >4hPa. It occurs in the Alpine valleys, at passes and in the Alpine foothills
- Indicated by typical clouds (Altocumulus lenticularis), radar images (build-up with rain in the south/north), METAR
- Risks: Upslope and downslope winds near terrain and strong turbulence

«Bise»:

- The «Bise» is a north-easterly wind that is experienced particularly in the Swiss Plateau/Lake Geneva region
- In summer associated with good weather, in winter an inversion layer with stratus cover
- Danger: Northeast wind on the Central Plateau and strong turbulence in western Switzerland

Aviation weather briefing (MeteoSwiss) 0900 162 737

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Airspace

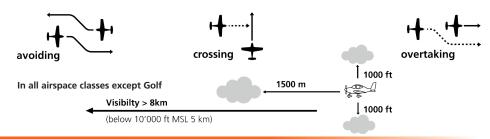
Radio

Signals at aerodrome/on ground Windsock



Aviate, Navigate, Communicate

Right-of-way rules, circuits included: Hot air balloon before glider before motorised aircraft/helicopter



Minimum flight altitudes (according to SERA.5001)



above highest obstacle within 150-metre radius of aircraft



above highest obstacle within 600-metre radius of aircraft

Flyover min. 1'000 ft

GO / NO GO

Caution

Gusts, Up- and downwinds



Mountain Flying



Fly high and on right side of valley



Never fly low and mid of the valley

VFR flight altitudes ATC@your service:

- 359° 000° 6500 5500 4500 3500
- "Don't be afraid to use the radio!"
- In general: transponder set to 'Alt'
- ZRH Info 124.70, GVA Info 126.35
- FIC standard call: 'Initial call':

 'Degistration aircreft type need

'Registration, aircraft type, position, altitude, flight to/from, routing'

- Keep flight plan up-to-date, report any changes to FIS
- Air-to-Air-Frequenz: 123.135 Mhz
- Motorised flight training: 122.205MHz
- Mountain frequency: 130.355Mhz

C C AWY MIL OFF - FL 150 MIL ON - FL 130 FL 100 TMA C TMA D CTR D 2'000 ft/AGL G Swiss Plateau - Jura Alps							
С	D	Е	G	VFR conditions			
ATC	TFC INFO	TFC INFO O/R	FIS	Services			
х				VFR/IFR separation			
х	х	х	(x)	RTF and ATC clearance mandatory before entry			
х	х	х*	(x)	SSR Mode S *mandatory in class E airspace above 7'000 ft			
х	х	х	х	Max. speed below 10'000 ft: 250 kts IAS			
х	х	х	х	Visibility: 8km at and above 10'000 ft; 5 km below 10'000 ft			
х	х	х	х	Cloud clearance: horizontal 1.5 km, vertical 1'000 ft			
			х	Below 2'000 ft AGL Visibility: 5 km (up to 1.5 km depending on conditions*) Constant view of ground Outside clouds			

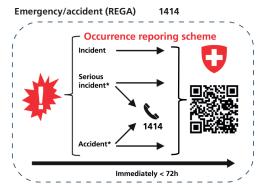
^{*} Transponder S mandatory for flights in motorised aircraft with cloud clearance of less than \$1'000 ft / \leftrightarrow 1'500 m (SERA.5001)

Interception rules (military aircraft)

Emergency: Frequencies and telephone numbers Emergency Frequency: **121.500 Mhz**

Transponder Codes:

- Hijacking 7500
- Radio failure 7600
- Emergency 7700



*Accident = aircraft damaged, no further flight possible; or injury to persons.

