



### IFALPA Position Paper

## 「Use of Social Media by Pilot」を紹介します

2025年1月15日にIFALPAよりPosition Paperが発行されました。近年、インターネットを利用して個人や企業が情報を発信・共有・拡散し、相互にコミュニケーションできる、所謂「Social Media」が広く発達しており、我々Pilotの日常生活にも深く関わりが深くなってきています。

このPosition Paperでは、この「Social Media」がPilotにどう影響を及ぼし、どのような危険性を秘めているかを紹介しています。是非参照して、日々の「Social Media」の使い方の参考にしてください。

### <Social Media の例>

SNS、ブログ、動画共有サイト、メッセージアプリ、電子掲示板、情報共有サイト など

### <主な懸念点>

#### ① Equipment: 機器

スマートフォン、小型デバイスなどの機器が、飛行の安全性に重大な影響を及ぼす場合がある。

⇒操縦室で座席を動かした際に、Pilot 所有のカメラが Side-stick を不意に前方に倒し、緊急降下に陥り、多くのけが人を出した。

⇒電子機器がスラストレバーを Jam させて一時的にスラストを動かせなくなった。

⇒床に落としたスマートフォンを座席と Pedestal で挟んでしまい、煙が発生した。

#### ② Distraction: 注意散漫

FAA の規定でも禁止されているように、コックピットでの Social Media の使用は Pilot の注意散漫を容易に引き起こしてしまい、安全性を大きく低下させる。

#### ③ Misuse of personal data: 個人情報 の不適切利用

航空機に装備されているボイスレコーダーなどで録画される事故調査に使用されるものと違い、Pilot 自身や、航空ファンによって個人の機器で録画・録音される媒体は、時に不適切に利用され、結果的に不幸な結果に繋がる場合がある。

⇒自身が安全だと思ってネットに挙げたコメントで、会社より停職を強いられた。

⇒旅客が撮影したビデオが原因で、Pilot が地上業務を強いられた。

#### ④ Security implications: 保安的な側面

コックピット内外に関わらず、Pilot 制服で撮られた写真やビデオがオンライン上に挙げられることは、保安上大きな脅威となり、これらのデータが悪用される可能性がある。

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Social Media を使用するという事は、個人的にビデオや写真を撮ることも含め、常に安全・保安上の危険が潜んでいることを十分に理解すると共に、これらをオンラインで共有することが不幸な結果を招く可能性があることを軽視すべきではありません。場合によっては、Pilot としてのキャリアや私生活にも重大な影響を及ぼす可能性があることを認識しなければなりません。

また、この様に注意し、行動することによって Pilot がプロフェッショナルとしてより確立され、地位向上に繋がり、その先にはより安全性の高い、社会的信用の高い航空産業へと繋がっていくと考えます。

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## NOTE

*This paper is an update to, and supersedes 23POS24, of the same name.*

## BACKGROUND

The omnipresence of social media in modern society has blurred the separation between our working and personal lives. As innocent as posting a status update or a short comment may seem, what people do and say on social media can have serious consequences.

IFALPA is extremely concerned with the potential safety and security risks taken by pilots who may be unknowingly putting their own flying career – and that of their colleagues – in jeopardy. Although this is not a new problem, the speed and extent to which the information is spread is unprecedented.

## THREATS

### Equipment

There have been several recorded incidents where personal devices have impacted flight safety. In one such incident, many passengers were injured after a pilot's camera pushed the side-stick as he moved his seat forward, causing a rapid descent of the aircraft. In a second incident, the thrust levers were jammed by a device being used for filming and could not be moved. In a third, a mobile phone used by a pilot for personal reasons during the flight was dropped between the seat and the pedestal, broke, and began to generate fumes in the cockpit.

### Distraction

Accessing social media pages and contributing to them can easily divert attention, presenting a significant source of distraction from flight deck duties. This is well recognized, and action has already been taken by some Authorities, such as the [FAA Rule](#) that prohibits any person from using a personal wireless communications device or laptop computer for personal use while on duty station on the flight deck when the aircraft is being operated.



### Misuse of personal data

Unlike recordings made by onboard equipment installed for accident investigation purposes, recordings from private devices such as mobile phones, cameras, or tablets, and content uploaded on social media - whether by pilots themselves, or featuring pilots, or the flight deck environment - **have no protection** whatsoever, even on so-called "private" pages.

This content can always generate undesirable attention and be subject to misinterpretation and misuse. Consequently, images taken by (or of) pilots have a strong potential of being used as evidence in disciplinary procedures against them or their colleagues on the flight deck. Pilots should remember that it takes only one upload for any content to become permanent and therefore retrievable for later use.

In a recent case, a pilot was suspended by his airline without notice or opportunity for defence, due to a comment he made on a theoretically "protected" social page that was taken out of context by a web news portal. In another case, an airline grounded both pilots following the upload of a video in the flight deck taken by a passenger.

Some Operators have taken steps to prevent such behaviour, for example, by making an announcement at the beginning of each flight, such as: *"Passengers are reminded that they are not allowed to take pictures or videos of the crew or other passengers without their permission"* or enforcing policy which, *"prohibits the filming, photographing, or recording images, by any electronic means, of other guests and/or cabin crew or flight crew without the express consent of the person(s) being filmed, photographed or recorded."*

### Consequences of image recorders on the flight deck

For many years, some aviation industry stakeholders have been seeking an international Standard requiring the installation of cameras on the flight deck, constantly recording the pilots throughout the flight. These attempts are being resisted by IFALPA and Pilot Associations worldwide for reasons provided in a [dedicated IFALPA Position](#).<sup>1</sup> Private recordings present similar concerns.

### Security implications

The security consequences of videos and photos of pilots in uniform and/or in the cockpit uploaded online may be extremely serious. Such footage can easily provide ill-intentioned persons with safety and security data on aircraft operation and personal information that may be used in a harmful way.

### POSITION

The use of social media, including content creation such as upload of videos and photos during flight operations, presents numerous safety and security concerns. Pilots should not underestimate the negative effects of such activities and exercise the utmost caution, for example by refraining from sharing content online that may compromise their safety, security, or the privacy of themselves and others.

Pilots should be fully aware of their airline's social media policy (if applicable). They should bear in mind that anything uploaded online may remain accessible indefinitely, with potentially serious consequences on both their flying career and personal life.

By adhering to these guidelines, pilots can demonstrate professionalism, respect for passenger safety, and safeguard their own professional reputation. Responsible social media usage contributes to the overall safety and public trust in the aviation industry.