

Aircraft Emergency & Evacuation Procedures

From theory to drill: master evacuation procedures for cabin crew and pilots in critical situations.

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About this course

Emergency situations in aviation demand swift, precise action. Without proper training, the difference between a safe evacuation and tragedy can hinge on clear procedures and calm execution. This course tackles the core challenges crew face, from initial detection to passenger management under stress.

You'll build skills in emergency systems, decision-making, and crew coordination through video lessons, real case studies, and drill simulations. We cover exit operations, communication protocols, and realistic scenarios to prepare you for actual incidents.

Course curriculum

Emergency Foundations & Mindset

- **Define Emergency Classifications (18m)**
Learn to distinguish between emergency, urgency, and precautionary situations to guide your response accurately.
- **Explore Aircraft Safety Systems (25m)**
Step-by-step guide to smoke detection, fire suppression, and emergency lighting systems on board.
- **Understand the Startle Effect (12m)**
Case study on how panic affects decision-making and techniques to stay composed.
- **Build a Decision-Making Mindset (20m)**
Problem-solving session focused on developing quick, reliable decisions under pressure.
- **Review Historical Emergency Cases (22m)**
Real case analysis of past aviation emergencies to extract key lessons and best practices.
- **Practice Initial Threat Assessment (15m)**
Simulation exercise to evaluate threats and initiate appropriate actions.
- **Simulation: Emergency Scenario Introduction (30m)**
Hands-on simulation covering basic emergency detection and initial response steps.
- **Debrief: Mindset and Foundation Summary (10m)**
Review session to consolidate learning on emergency foundations and psychological preparedness.

Systems, Equipment & Initial Actions

- **Identify Emergency Exit Types (12m)**
Overview of over-wing exits, floor-level exits, and their operational differences.
- **Operate Evacuation Slides Safely (18m)**
Step-by-step guide to slide deployment, inflation, and passenger guidance.
- **Use Over-Wing Exits Effectively (15m)**
Practical techniques for opening and managing over-wing exits during evacuation.
- **Master Emergency Lighting Systems (14m)**
Guide to floor-level lighting, exit signs, and backup power systems.
- **Conduct Passenger Safety Briefings (20m)**
Best practices for briefing passengers on exits, brace positions, and item policies.
- **Demonstrate the Brace Position (10m)**
Video demonstration and explanation of correct brace positioning for impact.
- **Enforce Personal Item Policies (12m)**
Strategies to ensure passengers leave belongings behind for quicker evacuation.
- **Activate Alarms and Communication (16m)**
Procedures for sounding alarms and establishing initial crew communication.
- **Assess Threats with Crew Coordination (22m)**
Case study on coordinated threat assessment among cabin crew members.

- **Simulation: Equipment Check Drill (28m)**
Hands-on drill to practice using safety equipment and briefing passengers.

Evacuation Procedures & Decision-Making

- **Apply the 30-Second Evacuation Rule (18m)**
Understanding the countdown to evacuation and factors that shorten or extend it.
- **Evaluate Factors for Evacuation Command (20m)**
Decision-making session on when to initiate evacuation based on real-time conditions.
- **Deliver Clear Evacuation Commands (15m)**
Practice saying 'Evacuate, evacuate, evacuate!' and other structured commands.
- **Perform Cross-Checks at Exits (12m)**
Step-by-step procedure for verifying exit conditions before opening.
- **Handle Blocked Exits During Evacuation (22m)**
Problem-solving techniques for rerouting passengers when exits are unusable.
- **Manage Smoke and Visibility Issues (18m)**
Strategies for guiding passengers in low-visibility conditions due to smoke.
- **Evacuate on Water Safely (25m)**
Case study on ditching procedures and water evacuation coordination.
- **Ensure Passenger Compliance in Crisis (16m)**
Techniques to calm and direct passengers who are panicked or non-compliant.

Crew Coordination & Communication

- **Assign Roles to Cabin Crew Members (15m)**
Overview of specific responsibilities at each exit station during emergencies.
- **Coordinate Exit Station Activities (20m)**
Guide to synchronizing actions among crew at different exits.
- **Communicate Effectively Among Crew (18m)**
Methods for clear and concise crew-to-crew communication under stress.
- **Address Passengers During Emergencies (16m)**
Strategies for calm and directive crew-to-passenger communication.
- **Manage Stress and Fatigue (14m)**
Techniques to maintain focus and reduce stress during prolonged emergencies.
- **Liaise with the Flight Deck (12m)**
Protocols for reporting to pilots and receiving updates during crises.
- **Integrate with External Rescue Teams (22m)**
Case study on coordination with ground emergency services post-landing.
- **Use Communication Equipment (10m)**
Step-by-step guide to operating intercoms, radios, and public address systems.
- **Simulation: Multi-Crew Response (32m)**
Full simulation involving all crew members managing an evacuation together.
- **Scenario: Fire in Cabin (28m)**
Drills focused on crew coordination during a cabin fire emergency.

- **Scenario: Structural Damage (25m)**
Problem-solving session for handling aircraft structural issues and evacuation.
- **Debrief: Communication and Coordination Review (20m)**
Analyze past drills to improve communication flows and team cohesion.

Realistic Drills & Continuous Improvement

- **Design Effective Emergency Drills (18m)**
Principles for creating drills that mimic real-world conditions and unpredictability.
- **Incorporate Realism into Training (15m)**
How to add variables like smoke, noise, and obstacles to enhance drill realism.
- **Conduct an Engine Fire Drill (22m)**
Step-by-step procedure for responding to an engine fire during taxi or flight.
- **Practice Ditching Preparation (25m)**
Drill covering water landing preparations, signaling, and passenger management.
- **Simulate Uncontained Failure Scenarios (30m)**
Case study on handling unexpected system failures and consequent evacuations.
- **Debrief Drills Constructively (16m)**
Techniques for reviewing drill performance without blame, focusing on improvement.
- **Analyze Decision Timelines (20m)**
Reviewing video recordings to assess response times and decision points.
- **Evaluate Communication Efficacy (14m)**
Assessing clarity, speed, and effectiveness of crew communications during drills.
- **Update Procedures Based on Findings (18m)**
How to modify standard operating procedures after drill analysis.
- **Learn from Recent Industry Drills (22m)**
Case study on successful evacuations and lessons from other airlines' training.
- **Simulation: Full Evacuation Drill (32m)**
Comprehensive drill that includes all phases from emergency detection to post-evacuation.
- **Create a Personal Improvement Plan (15m)**
Guided session to develop a tailored plan for ongoing skill development.

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