

# NASA REPORTS ASRS

The ASRS is an important facet of the continuing effort by government, industry, and individuals to maintain and improve aviation safety. The ASRS collects voluntarily submitted aviation safety incident/situation reports from pilots, controllers, and others.

The ASRS acts on the information these reports contain. It identifies system deficiencies, and issues alerting messages to persons in a position to correct them. It educates through its newsletter CALLBACK, its journal ASRS Direct line and through its research studies. Its database is a public repository which serves the FAA and NASA's needs and those of other organizations world-wide which are engaged in research and the promotion of safe flight.

## PURPOSE

- The ASRS collects, analyzes, and responds to voluntarily submitted aviation safety incident reports to lessen the likelihood of aviation accidents.
- ASRS data are used to:
- Identify deficiencies and discrepancies in the National Aviation System (NAS) so that these can be remedied by appropriate authorities.
- Support policy formulation and planning for, and improvements to, the NAS.
- Strengthen the foundation of aviation human factors safety research. This is particularly important since it is generally conceded that over two-thirds of all aviation accidents and incidents have their roots in human performance errors.

# CONFIDENTIALITY AND INCENTIVES TO REPORT

- Pilots, air traffic controllers, flight attendants, mechanics, ground personnel, and others involved in aviation operations submit reports to the ASRS when they are involved in, or observe, an incident or situation in which aviation safety may have been compromised. All submissions are voluntary.
- Reports sent to the ASRS are held in strict confidence. More than one million reports have been submitted to date and no reporter's identity has ever been breached by the ASRS. ASRS de-identifies reports before entering them into the incident database. All personal and organizational names are removed. Dates, times, and related information, which could be used to infer an identity, are either generalized or eliminated.
- The FAA offers ASRS reporters further guarantees and incentives to report. It has committed itself not to use ASRS information against reporters in enforcement actions. It has also chosen to waive fines and penalties, subject to certain limitations, for unintentional violations of federal aviation statutes and regulations which are reported to ASRS. The FAA's initiation, and continued support of the ASRS program and its willingness to waive penalties in qualifying cases is a measure of the value it places on the safety information gathered, and the products made possible, through incident reporting to the ASRS.

## ELECTRONIC REPORT SUBMISSION (ERS)

ISSUE YOUR REPORT WITHIN 10 DAY OF THE INCIDENT

To report electronically, select an ASRS Report Form:

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| ▶ <b>General Report Form</b>     | e.g. Pilot, Dispatcher, Ground Ops, & Other   |
| ▶ <b>ATC Report Form</b>         | e.g. Air Traffic Controller                   |
| ▶ <b>Maintenance Report Form</b> | e.g. Repairman, Mechanic, Inspector           |
| ▶ <b>Cabin Report Form</b>       | e.g. Cabin Crew                               |
| ▶ <b>UAS/Drone Report Form</b>   | e.g. UAS/Drone Pilot, Visual Observer, & Crew |

## 4 Steps to Report Electronically

1. **Review the ERS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).** Browser settings and mobile device compatibility details are in the [ERS FAQ](#) and are important to the success of your report submission. Be sure your computer is secure and clear of vulnerabilities (see [Online Security Tips](#)).
2. Click on the button above for the appropriate electronic ASRS form – read the ASRS policy and then click on "Continue to Report."
3. Fill out the form on the computer. To print a copy for your records, you must print it BEFORE clicking Submit. Keep the copy in a secure location. **The NASA ASRS team suggests that you do not save your completed report to a shared (e.g., company) computer.**
4. After you click the Submit button at the bottom of the page, a verification code will appear for your submission. Retain this verification code for future reference. If you do not receive a verification code, refer to the [ERS FAQ](#) to ensure proper settings are enabled. If issue cannot be resolved, contact ASRS by using the contact form on the [Contact Us](#) page, and select "Electronic Report Submission" as your topic.

**NOTE:** The identification strip at the top of your report will be printed, date stamped and returned to you by U.S. Mail as proof of submission. Forms submitted electronically will be date stamped on the first business day following report transmission. You can expect the return of your identification strip to take a minimum of 14 days after your submission.

## VIDEO & LINKS

- [ASRS - Aviation Safety Reporting System](#)
- <https://youtu.be/PQVssbdylZE?si=eC8GAWPEi42WrC21>
- [https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory\\_Circular/AC%2000-46E.pdf](https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory_Circular/AC%2000-46E.pdf)