



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AVIATION ACCIDENT PREVENTION BULLETIN



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**Subject:** *A Million Acts of Safety Campaign & SAFECOM*

**Area of Concern:** Employee Safety and Health

**Distribution:** All DOI Government and Contractor Employees

**Discussion:** Every day we are reminded of the importance of safety and health in our workplace and in our community. In order to accomplish our mission we must make a concerted effort to provide a healthy, injury-free workplace environment so that all employees can easily identify and manage the risks they encounter every day.



The Department of Interior is participating in the National Safety Council's (NSC) 2012 *A Million Acts of Safety* campaign. You can help make people around you safer by becoming a "Safety Ambassador" and help DOI achieve its goal of one "act of safety" per employee for a total of 80,000 DOI acts of safety by the end of 2012. The DOI campaign participation kicked off on April 16th of this year.

## SAFECOM

The SAFECOM system is the tool that supports this campaign's overall purpose of reducing aviation related mishaps. SAFECOM is an anonymous, confidential safety improvement reporting and feedback system that supports accident prevention. Data obtained from the system is monitored to identify emerging hazards, share critical safety information, document and track safety issues and identify training needs. It's a tool used to encourage the reporting of any condition, observance, act, maintenance problem, or circumstance that has the potential to cause an aviation or aviation related mishap. It's also used for reporting positive safety actions and other mishap prevention measures.

In order for SAFECOM's to function as an effective accident prevention tool, they should be reported as soon as possible to the agency exercising operational control of the mission at the time of the event. The SAFECOM website (<https://www.safecom.gov/instructions.asp>) provides excellent guidance on how and when to submit a SAFECOM. They can also be submitted by calling 888-4MISHAP (888-464-7427). Bureau Aviation Managers are responsible for managing their bureau's respective SAFECOMs. SAFECOM reporting continues to improve throughout DOI yet there remains significant opportunities for improvement. Failing to use this system appropriately can prolong an unsafe situation, increase costs, and potentially cost someone their life. For additional information on the SAFECOM program, see Interagency Safety Alert 08-07 [http://amd.nbc.gov/safety/library/alerts/IA\\_08-07.pdf](http://amd.nbc.gov/safety/library/alerts/IA_08-07.pdf) and DOI Safety Alert 06-01 [http://amd.nbc.gov/safety/library/alerts/IA\\_Alert\\_0601.pdf](http://amd.nbc.gov/safety/library/alerts/IA_Alert_0601.pdf)



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