

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

→ CAA Review – Key actions and recommendations affecting passengers



We are committed to keeping you informed about Helicopter Safety. The information below highlights what you need to know about the key actions, recommendations and deadlines which have been proposed in the CAA review and which directly affect passengers.

Passenger Restrictions - 1 June 2014

- Passengers are not allowed to sit in seats which are not adjacent to a push-out window exit unless provided with a Category A Emergency Breathing System (EBS) or the helicopter is fitted with a side-floating emergency flotation system.
Note: currently there are no EBS certified to Category A and there are no emergency flotation systems available that could be retrofitted to existing aircraft.
- An HSSG Workgroup has been established to oversee the development of a Category A compliant EBS as soon as possible but this is likely to take a number of months to implement.

Sea State Restrictions - 1 June 2014

- Flying cannot take place if sea state at destination exceeds Sea State 6.

Sea State Restrictions - 1 Sept 2014

- Flying cannot take place if sea state at destination exceeds the certified ditching limit of the helicopter against new criteria.
Note: S92, EC225, AS332L2 and AW139 are all currently certified to Sea State 6.

Passenger size restrictions from 1 April 2015

- Passengers whose body size is incompatible with push out window exit size are prohibited.

All passengers require Category A Emergency Breathing System from 1 April 2016.