

**WAC 296-305-07008 Aircraft operations for fighting wildland fires.** (1) Whenever fixed wing and rotary aircraft are being utilized on an incident, personnel trained in air operations management must be assigned as necessary by the incident commander/operations section chief.

(2) Prior to the initiation of air operations, all personnel operating in close proximity to an air drop must be notified of such activity.

(3) Personnel must not intentionally operate in an area where it can reasonably be expected that they may be hit with retardants or suppressants from fixed wing or rotary aircraft.

(4) Radio communications must be maintained between an aircraft/air attack group supervisor and the appropriate ground officer.

(5) Personnel assigned to ride in fixed wing or rotary aircraft must be briefed in the correct approach, riding and off-loading procedures for the particular type of aircraft.

**Note:** The NWCG aircraft passenger briefing/checklist can be found in the "*Incident Response Pocket Guide*" at [http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/IRPG\\_Jan2004.pdf](http://www.nwcg.gov/pms/pubs/IRPG_Jan2004.pdf)

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