

	Safety and Airspace Regulation Group	
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The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) is the United Kingdom's (UK) civil aviation regulator, charged with ensuring the aviation industry meets the highest safety standards and protecting the consumer and public from harm and adverse environmental impacts from aviation. We do this in the context of the Better Regulation principles of Proportionality, Accountability, Consistency, Transparency and Targeting. These principles guide our regulatory approach to industry, and the type and appropriateness of our interventions.

Whilst safety standards across our industry are historically very high, we are committed to advancing safety and environmental performance, and to improve the protection of the consumer and public when they encounter aviation. We will do this through the risk and performance-based approach we have evolved over the last decade, which drives a focus on how well industry controls their safety risks and how well they manage the introduction and operation of new technology. Key to controlling safety risk is knowledge, and we will ensure that relevant intelligence and data is collected, analysed and shared with industry which, together with robust risk management processes and governance, will enable us to continue to **build collaborative relationships** to minimise the safety risks.

The Executive Board is accountable for the effective regulation and oversight of the UK's civil aviation. The Director of the Safety and Airspace Regulation Group (DSARG) is personally accountable to the Board for the executive function of delivering the Safety and Airspace Business Plan. However, aviation safety is not confined to SARG, it is the responsibility of everyone within the CAA to **do the right thing** and play their part in supporting our work. That is why we are clear on where the CAA's safety accountabilities and responsibilities are held. We are committed to promoting a just safety culture across the CAA, and industry, and it is vital that colleagues are encouraged to raise safety concerns regardless of whether they are directly involved in safety activity or not: everyone counts, and we will **respect everyone**.

We will ensure that the CAA has the will and means to carry out our core safety role, and that we strive to continually improve the safety performance of industry in a manner consistent with the regulatory principles. We will continue to deliver, promote and develop an *engaged* safety culture across our organisation: how we do things is as important as what we do, and our competency framework will guarantee we have the skills and behaviours necessary to innovate and lead the way in safety. We will **never stop learning** from what we do, and we will share lessons across the CAA, across industry and with other regulators, learning from them in turn.

Finally, we are determined that we take ever more steps to enhance aviation safety, especially as we move into an exciting new era of technological advances in urban, remote and space activity. We can do this by linking this policy to our daily activity, and by taking pride in our contribution to the CAA's societal purpose. Our continued efforts will mean safer air travel, lower environmental impacts, a growing aviation sector and

better working partnerships. Most importantly, it will mean effective assurance of the continued safety of the UK public.

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