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**Subject:** Helicopter Emergency Seating Position

**Area of Concern:** Helicopter Operations

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**Discussion:** IHOG Chapter 10, Personnel Transport, Exhibit 10-2, page 10-9, incorrectly states the Helicopter In-flight Emergency Procedures.

The proper brace position for a passenger without a shoulder harness is to bend over as far as possible and hold onto their legs, regardless of seating configuration.

Passengers with a shoulder harness are to sit in full upright position with head and back against seat and use arms to brace in position, regardless of seating configuration.

These changes will be reflected in the next revision of the IHOG as well as all other affected guides, documents, and training packages.

To view and download images of the correct seating positions, go to the following link:  
[http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/av\\_safety/safety\\_alerts/crash\\_position.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/av_safety/safety_alerts/crash_position.pdf)

This Safety Alert has been coordinated with the DOI, Office of Aircraft Services.

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