



General Aviation Security Checklist

Security measures and procedures may vary among airports, FBOs, flight clubs, and flight schools. It is important that you become familiar with the security provisions at your airport. The following checklist is provided as a guide to further enhance general aviation security and protect your freedom to fly. Use these items as part of your next discussion with your hangar neighbor, your flight instructor or your airport manager.

- AOPA's Airport Watch Program
 - Airport signage, aircraft stickers, program information
(free materials can be ordered online at www.aopa.org/forms/airport_watch.cfm)
 - Reporting Suspicious Activity to 1-866-GA-SECURE (1-866-427-3287)
- Use of "No Trespassing" signs
- Airport lighting (hangars, ramp, fuel area)
- Security access gates and cameras
- After hours and weekend access procedures
- Visitor and transient procedures, such as sign-in/out or escort procedures
- Vehicle access procedures
- Uniforms or identification for airport employees
- Standards for securing aircraft on the ramp
- Consider the use of prop locks, throttle locks, locking tiedowns
- Securing access to aircraft keys at all times (do not place in an obvious or easy-to-find location; bring them home with you)
- Aircraft security when not at home base



Consider the following:

- Does your airport have an Airport Security Committee? An airport security committee can keep stakeholders informed about security incidents and measures to prevent incidents. It is also a good venue to discuss any lessons learned as a result of security incidents at your airport and how to prevent similar problems.
- Does your airport use bulletin boards, Internet, or email to disseminate pertinent security information?
- Does your airport conduct regular meetings with the airport community including owners, tenants, flight schools, instructors, employees, and local/airport law enforcement?
- If local law enforcement or first responders are called to the airport, do they know the location of access gates and how to operate on an airport?

Consider entering the following numbers into your cell phone:

- 1-866-GA-SECURE (1-866-427-3287)
- Local law enforcement
- Management officials
- After-Hours Contact

Also review:

- AOPA's GA Security Online Course <http://flash.aopa.org/asf/gasecurity/gasecurity.cfm>
- TSA Guidelines for General Aviation www.aopa.org/whatsnew/newsitems/2004/04-2-087x_guidelines.pdf

Airport Security – Do Your Part! Lock Up. Look Out.