

General Aviation Security Checklist

Security measures and procedures may vary among flight schools and airports. It's important that you become familiar with the security provisions at your flight school/airport. Include the following items in your discussion with your flight school/airport manager:

- AOPA's Airport Watch program
- Perimeter fencing, barricades, physical or natural barriers to the airport
- Use of "No Trespassing" signs
- Airport and fuel area lighting
- Security access gates and cameras
- After hours or weekend access procedures
- Visitor and transient pilot procedures, such as sign-in/out or escort procedures
- Vehicle access procedures
- Uniforms or identification for airport employees

Review any new security procedures implemented by the flight school or airport management to prevent unauthorized access to or use of aircraft such as, but not limited to:

- Limitations on ramp access for people other than instructors and students
- Standards for securing aircraft on the ramp
- Any new physical security items for individual aircraft including prop locks, throttle locks, or locking tiedowns
- Securing access to aircraft keys at all times
- Dispatching procedures for aircraft
- Aircraft security when not at home base
- Renter pilot ID check

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.
- 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, and employees?

Discuss any lessons learned as a result of security incidents at your flight school/airport. For example, if any of the flight school's or airport aircraft have been broken into or stolen, discuss the incident and any measures the flight school has taken to prevent similar problems.

- Review any specific security incidents that have occurred at your flight school or airport with the flight school and airport managers, or the affected fixed-base operator (FBO).

Also review:

- The TSA rule, "Flight Training for Aliens and Other Designated Individuals: Security Awareness Training for Flight School Employees." More information is available online at www.aopa.org/tsa_rule
- Any improvements in flight school or airport access credentials and related technology implemented by the flight school or airport management