

# Why you should (or should not) fly in a small airplane

## Honest observations on the risks of flying.

Yes, "FLYING IS NOT PERFECTLY SAFE"

Nothing is. If you rent a horse for a 1-hr trail ride you must sign a full-page waiver admitting that if you fall off and hit your head, you could die or be crippled for life.

It is also true that flying in small airplanes has a disproportionately higher fatality rate than other activities. Why? Because while flying is not intrinsically dangerous,

### "Flying is much less forgiving of carelessness"

So if your pilot is a 'hot shot', or 'bad boy!', or even just casual about safety things, you are probably taking a high risk to get in a plane with them.

But if your pilot is one of those 'meticulous' 'detail-minded' folks who is anal almost to the point of 'excessiveness', you are arguably safer than riding your bike on a busy street.

The following graph illustrates this point:

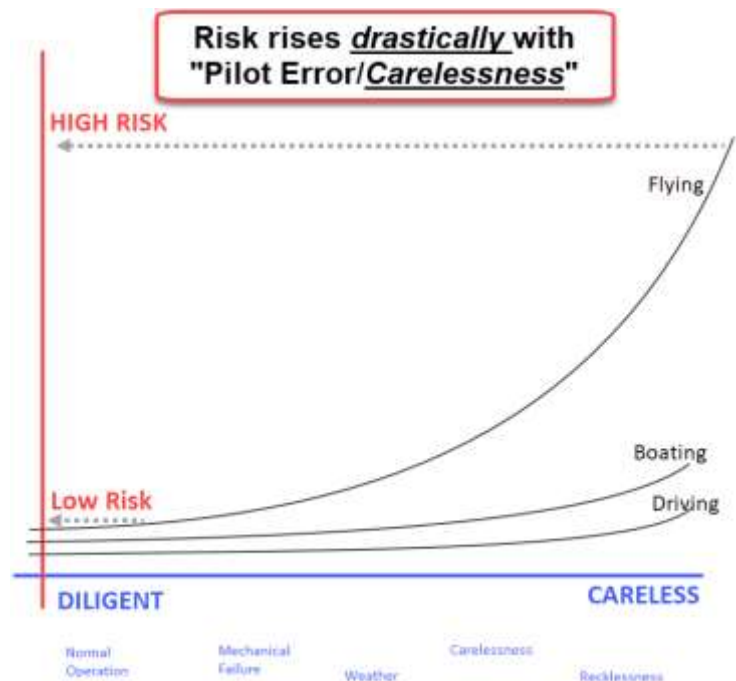
First of all, cars are incredibly safe and are a high bar of safety to compete with since you can run into a brick wall at 30-40mph and probably walk away. Running out of gas is just an annoyance.

Aviation is not as forgiving, and a few careless, bad apples ruin it for everyone.

How careless? Many don't even check their fuel before takeoff, they fly into weather that they are told not to, they overload the airplane – the list goes on, and on....

**Most accidents are very avoidable.**

**"Pilot Error" is the most common phrase listed in NTSB reports of aviation fatalities.**



### The largest factor in all this: Your Pilot.

Is he or she meticulous and conservative, or care free and casual about the whole thing? The closer to the former, the closer you are to being very safe.

It isn't hard to be safe, but it's even easier to be careless.

See the whole statistics at [www.IsFlyingSafe.com](http://www.IsFlyingSafe.com)