

East Michigan Flight Standards District Office Monthly Safety Meeting October 2026

Event Details

The FAA and industry will conduct a public education campaign emphasizing best practices for pilots who have been or are taking prescribed or over the counter (OTC) medications.

Teaching Points:

Wed, Oct 21, 2026 at 10:00 EDT

JDV Conference Room

6500 Highland Rd

Waterford, MI



- 42% of pilots in fatal crashes had some sort of drug/medication in their systems during the flight.
- In the United States, 65% of visits to medical doctors result in the writing of a prescription.
- Some of these medications carry very specific warnings against operating machinery or motor vehicles or performing tasks requiring alertness. Flying certainly is included, even in a glider or hot-air balloon.
- Illicit drugs always impair human performance.
- Healthcare providers may prescribe drugs that could compromise pilot's abilities – especially if the doctor is not aware that the patient is a pilot.
- Combinations of prescription and OTC medications can be particularly dangerous. Pilots should consult their AME before taking a combination of medications.

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