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Hangar Talk Saturdays (KVNY) - Wake Turbulence

You may never see wake turbulence, but you can certainly feel its effects. Wake turbulence can produce sudden and powerful changes in an aircraft's attitude, airspeed, and flight path. Although the greatest risks are often associated with operations behind larger aircraft, wake encounters can affect aircraft of many sizes and can occur well beyond the runway environment.

This seminar examines how wake turbulence is generated, how it behaves in different atmospheric and wind conditions, and why some encounters are more hazardous than others. The presentation will cover wake avoidance techniques, runway and traffic pattern considerations, ATC separation, aircraft weight and configuration, crosswind effects, helicopter-generated wake, and practical decision making when operating near larger aircraft. Real-world scenarios will help pilots recognize situations where accepting additional spacing, delaying a departure, changing a flight path, or going around may be the safest choice.

Event Details

Sat, Nov 21, 2026 at 09:00 PST

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