

FAASTeam Maintenance Safety Tip

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Personal Minimums Checklist

There is an old saying in aviation. “Learn from the mistakes of others, because, you won’t live long enough to make all of them yourself.” I don’t know about you but I would much rather have someone learn from my excellent performance rather than my fatal mistake!! All of us can learn to be better technicians, whether from others or through our own initiative.

Never compromise your integrity or professionalism. Perform a self assessment on yourself to determine if you are falling into the trap of the “Dirty Dozen” human factor errors. The career or the life that you save might be your own. Never forget that many people, whom you don’t even know, rely on YOU to perform the best maintenance in the world.

How can you do an effective assessment of your work? Use the maintenance Personal Minimums Checklist. It is a list of 10 questions you ask yourself and honestly answer before you do a task and after you finish a task. Do you use it? If you don’t, then start. If you do, then continue to do so and encourage your fellow workers to use it. A copy of this checklist is in Chapter 13 of Advisory Circular (AC) 43.13-1B. (Click [here](#) and go to Chapter 13.)

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