Runway Safety
It’s Everybody’s Business

View from short final Runway 12R

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Best Practices

• Always be alert to airport vehicle and pedestrian activity.
• Ask for progressive taxi instructions if you’re unfamiliar with the airfield.
• A good preflight check includes a comprehensive review of your departing/alternate/landing airport diagram.
• Review airport diagrams before taxiing or landing.
• Plan each flight chock-to-chock.
• Don’t run checklists while taxiing during single-pilot operations.
• When taxiing during two-pilot operations, remember to have one pilot looking out of the cockpit at all times.
• Maintain situational awareness at all times - Practice the “see and avoid” rule - Observe and maneuver to avoid other aircraft.
• When receiving ATC instructions, listen carefully for similar-sounding aircraft call signs.
• When receiving air traffic instructions, listen carefully to what is being said instead of what you expect to hear.
• Look in both directions and final approach before entering a runway, even after receiving a clearance.
• Speak clearly and concisely to the air traffic control tower.
• Read back all hold short instructions.

View from abeam the numbers on right downwind Runway 12R

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Pilots taxiing east on Taxiway A sometimes fail to hold short of Runway 12L; or traffic neglects to turn onto Runway 12L for takeoff, and departs on Taxiway A by mistake.

Pilots taxiing east on Taxiway A to Runway 30L sometimes miss the turn to Taxiway B and proceed onto Runway 12R without authorization. **Follow the depicted route.**

ATC often holds Runway 12R departures short of Runway 7. Pilots sometimes cross Runway 7 and/or enter Runway 12R without authorization. **When in doubt, give ATC a shout.**

Pilots sometimes enter or cross Runway 12R without authorization. **When unsure and runway's near, remain clear.**

Along with a large number of transient aircraft operations, VGT has many flight training facilities and a significant amount of helicopter operations. Be alert for helicopter rotor wash as they hover taxi.

If you would like more information, please contact the Clark County Department of Aviation at (702) 261-3800 or the North Las Vegas Airport Traffic Control Tower Manager at (702) 648-6588.

**NOTE:** The highlighted areas pose a special challenge to pilots. Please review before operating your aircraft at VGT.