

#1 REASON GA AIRCRAFT ARE INTERCEPTED:

Entering restricted airspace and not talking to ATC

FLIGHT PLANNING

- ❑ Get route brief 1-800-992-7433 (WX-BRIEF) Weather, NOTAMS, TFRs
- ❑ Review Prohibited/Restricted/MOA airspace along route: <http://www.seeandavoid.org>
- ❑ Review Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR): <http://tfr.faa.gov> or Twitter: @VIP_TFR
- ❑ Review NOTAMS: http://www.faa.gov/pilots/fit_plan/notams/
- ❑ Know where to find ATC frequencies
- ❑ Review lost communication procedures
- ❑ File a flight plan—IFR, DVFR, SVFR, VFR
- ❑ Current charts/sectionals and update GPS

DURING FLIGHT

- ❑ Talk to ATC
- ❑ Squawk assigned discrete transponder code
- ❑ Activate flight plan
- ❑ Monitor 121.5 on back-up radio (if able)
- ❑ Get TFR updates from FSS

DO'S AND DON'TS

DO:

- Print the results of your research, including graphical TFRs, and have them with you in the airplane
- Check for TFRs, even on the way home
- Make a last-minute call to FSS before takeoff to see if any TFRs have popped up
- Use flight following when possible

DON'T:

- Skip a weather or route briefing from FSS, even for local flights

NOTES:

PLANNING REFERENCES

- Review intercept procedures- Airman's Information Manual 5-6-2: http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/
- Review Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ) procedures if flying into U.S. from abroad: http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/ifim/airspace/
- Review Washington D.C. Special Flight Area (SFRA) procedures if flying within 60 nm of KDCA: <https://faasafety.gov>

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KEYS TO SUCCESS

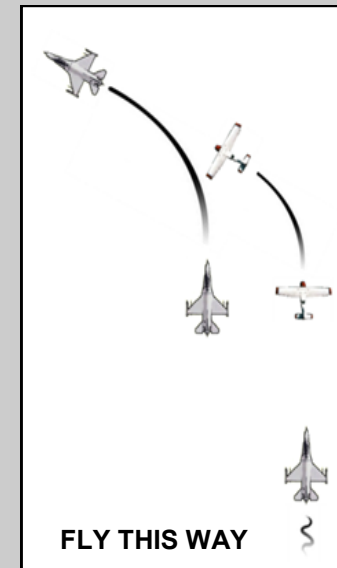
- ✓ PLAN: Check TFR NOTAMS at <http://TFR.FAA.GOV>, call FSS
- ✓ TALK: to Air Traffic Control and monitor Guard (VHF 121.5)
- ✓ SQUAWK: assigned discrete transponder code

Intercept Procedures

- Typically two fighters approach from the stern -- you may only see one
- Fighter rocks wings to signal intercept
- Fighter responsible for safe separation

Your Actions

- Remain predictable – Altitude, heading, airspeed, don't descend
- Acknowledge fighter with wing rock
- Talk to ATC
- Talk to fighter on 121.5



Post Intercept

- Comply with instructions
- Land where directed

DAY INTERCEPT SIGNALS

Interceptor Signals	Meaning
Fighter slow turn to desired heading	FLY THIS WAY
Fighter abrupt turn across nose to desired heading and may dispense flares	WARNING: TURN NOW (DIRECTION OF FIGHTER)
Fighter circles airport, lowers landing gear, overflies runway in direction of landing	LAND HERE

NIGHT INTERCEPT SIGNALS

Interceptor Signals	Meaning	Your Signal	Meaning
Flash navigation lights	You have been intercepted	Flash navigation lights	I will comply
Turn on landing lights	Land here	Turn on landing light	I will land
		Flash landing light	Airport inadequate
		Flash all lights regular	Can not comply
		Flash all lights Irregular	Distress

