

FAA SMS – Safety Policy

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) publishes Advisory Circular 120-92B, *Safety Management Systems (SMSs) for Aviation Service Providers*. The Advisory Circular describes the regulatory requirements, guidance, and methods of developing and implementing an SMS – designating “what” must be accomplished, not “how” it must be accomplished. The aim of the FAA SMS is to integrate safety programs and contemporary safety concepts into an SMS, emphasizing safety as a fundamental business process.

Safety Policy is a component of the FAA SMS and defines your organization’s commitment to safety and health (S&H) in writing. It is signed by the accountable executive and sets workplace expectations by assigning accountability and responsibility for employees regarding safety.

This component is important because it sets a foundation for the other FAA SMS components and supports the who, what, where, when, and why of your organization’s SMS.

Safety Policy supports commitment to S&H through:

- Establishment of a signed, written safety policy conveying the organization’s commitment to safety management, including provisions for providing necessary resources toward the SMS
- Communication of the written safety policy
- Institution of organizational safety objectives, a safety reporting policy, and disciplinary actions for S&H infractions
- Development of an emergency response plan to prepare for emergency operations
- Assignment of accountability and authority for decision-making, safety objective achievement, and safety policy execution
- Establishment of safety responsibilities related to safety management and SMS implementation.

[Title 14](#) Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 5, Subpart B provides additional information regarding Safety Policy. Additionally, visit the [FAA](#) for additional information on SMS expectations.

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