Safe Ground Ambulance Operations Around Air Link Helicopter & Airplane
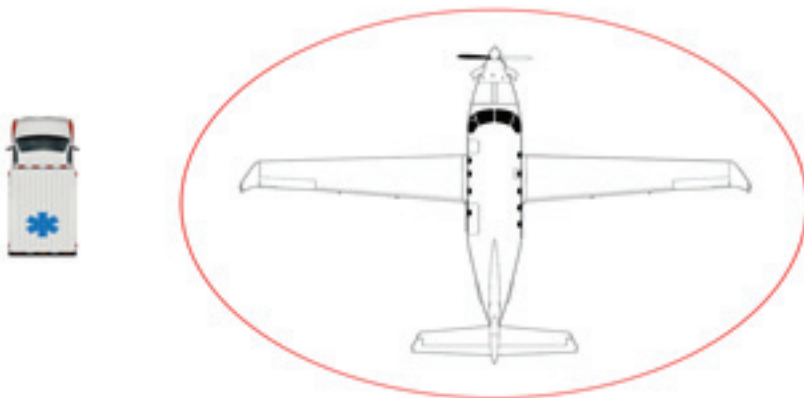

General

- The "Circle of Safety" is an imaginary boundary around an aircraft in which vehicles shall not enter (see diagrams below).
- When staging before approaching the aircraft, position yourself in a place where the pilot has direct eye and hand signal contact with you. Wait until the aircraft is parked, a crew member opens the door, and you are given clearance to approach the aircraft by the flight crew.
- Never drive a vehicle within 25 feet of the aircraft. At no time should a vehicle (including an ambulance) be backed up toward an aircraft, even with a spotter.
- No vehicle or equipment may ever come in contact with the aircraft.
- Park parallel to the fuselage on the left side, 25 feet from the wing/rotor.
- After the ambulance is stopped and placed in park, set the parking brake to prevent additional movement.
- Do not attempt to open or operate the aircraft doors.
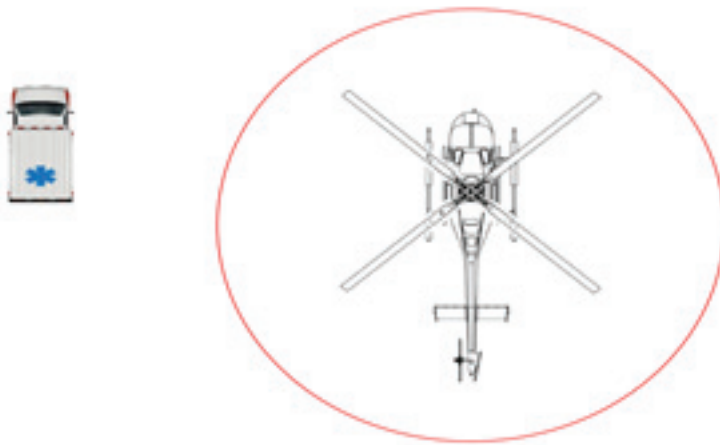- Do not touch the aircraft unless directed by the flight crew.

Fixed Wing

- Never approach the airplane if propellers are spinning.
- Never drive a vehicle between the wings and tail of the airplane, or near the front of the aircraft (see diagram below).

Rotor Wing

- Never approach the helicopter if rotor blades are spinning unless you are escorted under the spinning rotor blades by a crew member and have received proper training.
- Never drive a vehicle under the rotor blades or near the tail of the helicopter (see diagram below).
- Never walk past the rear fuselage of the aircraft toward the tail rotor (area where the tail section joins the fuselage).
- Hats and loose articles of clothing should be removed and secured in the ambulance before operating under moving rotor blades.
- IVs should be held no higher than shoulder level if operating under moving rotor blades.

Thank you for all you do to help keep everyone safe around our aircraft!

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