



## Business Aviation flights: easier; quicker; but with increased liability?

Gates Aviation can inform and advise your organization as to the air travel risk vulnerabilities and liability exposure it may face, especially for flights to challenging, high risk or otherwise dysfunctional locations. We will work with you to identify and recommend suitable solutions. Our goal is to help relieve your uncertainty, stress and risk, cost-effectively. We invite you to contract out these problematic tasks - we can take this responsibility from you so you can do your best to keep directors and staff safe, avoiding civil and criminal liability.

### WHY YOU NEED THIS SERVICE

The employer of a businessman killed during a helicopter flight over the Andes was recently ordered to pay compensation to the family of the deceased passenger by the UK High Court. The court said that the employer was obliged to ensure that its employee was not exposed to unnecessary risk when he was required to take a chartered helicopter ride. The employer had not carried out a risk assessment on either the operator or the planned flight. It was in breach of its duty of care and was liable to compensate the widow. In that case, at least, no criminal prosecution ensued though that possibility always exists.

Determining the global business aviation accident rate is hard. Our findings suggest that a comprehensive global accident database does not exist. We do know that the rate is measurably higher than that of leading scheduled airlines, and that certain marques of rotary and light aircraft have a worse accident rate than others. And despite growing regional efforts to reduce this, there is evidence to suggest that they are not working.

While business aviation is not inherently unsafe, many of the safeguards that we take for granted when travelling on leading scheduled airlines, are simply not there in business aviation and chartered flights.

### WE OFFER:

- Development and oversight of your corporate air travel risk policy and programme.
- Management of the relationship between you and your chosen business aviation operator, or recommendation of an operator, and subsequent relationship management.
- Advice if you own and operate private jets for your own travel needs.
- Establishment of safety and security standards and norms for all your corporate travel.
- Reduction of risk exposure that is consequential to inadequate corporate travel risk management.

Gates Aviation is currently delivering this service for a global Japanese corporate. They didn't realise how much they needed it. But they have quickly begun to depend on it to ensure they are safeguarding their people, and properly discharging their duty of care - for every business aviation flight they charter. And so could you.



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