

New Safety Recommendations

Safety Recommendation Number	Safety Recommendation Recipient	Safety Recommendation Text
A-17-034	Federal Aviation Administration	Remove the medical certification exemption in 14 Code of Federal Regulations 61.23(b) for pilots who are exercising their privileges as commercial balloon pilots and are receiving compensation for transporting passengers.
A-17-045	Federal Aviation Administration	Analyze your current policies, procedures, and tools for conducting oversight of commercial balloon operations in accordance with your Integrated Oversight Philosophy, taking into account the findings of this accident; based on this analysis, develop and implement more effective ways to target oversight of the operators and operations that pose the most significant safety risks to the public.

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**NOTE** – We are aware that the recommendation numbers are out of sequence, there was an error assigning recommendation numbers in a previous report.

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On October 17, 2017, the NTSB adopted its report Impact with Power Lines, Heart of Texas Hot Air Balloon Rides, Balóny Kubíček BB85Z, N2469L, Lockhart, Texas, July 30, 2016, AAR1703. The details of this accident investigation and the resulting safety recommendations may be found in the attached report, which can also be accessed at <http://www.nts.gov>.

Among the Safety Recommendations are two issued to the Federal Aviation Administration, which can be found on page 50 of the report.

The NTSB is vitally interested in these recommendations because they are designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate a response within 90 days, detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement these recommendations. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendations by number. We encourage you to submit your response to [correspondence@nts.gov](mailto:correspondence@nts.gov). If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

