

Portland International Airport SMS Safety Policy Statement

At Portland International Airport (PDX), safety is a core value that guides every decision we make. Through our commitment to safety, we seek to eliminate harm by fostering a culture of active prevention, curiosity, evaluation, and action. The PDX Safety Management System (SMS) is one way that we deliver on this commitment. The SMS provides a structured approach to identifying, quantifying, and controlling hazards, helping to preserve a safe environment for PDX employees, tenants, stakeholders, and the traveling public.

To uphold our commitment to safety, we will:

- Adopt and promote airport SMS at the leadership level and throughout the organization, setting clear expectations that airport employees and stakeholders prioritize and contribute to the SMS.
- Continue to engage in proactive safety risk management, data-driven decision-making, and safety assurance processes to enhance safety and continually improve.
- Encourage all airport stakeholders to report safety issues confidentially and without fear of reprisal. We will recognize and reward proactive safety behavior and foster open and transparent safety communications.
- Allocate the staff, training, technology, and financial resources needed to support safe operations at PDX.
- Comply with all applicable safety regulations and ensure that our SMS meets or exceeds federal requirements and industry standards for safe airport operations.

Trust and transparency drive safety – when issues arise, we look beyond individual actions to find and correct gaps in the system. Our leadership team is fully committed to ensuring SMS is integrated into every aspect of airside operations, and we expect the same dedication at all levels of management. We ask every employee, tenant, and partner to be vigilant, proactive, and committed to upholding the highest safety standards. Together, we will lead the way in airport safety and operational excellence.



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