

Air Quality (AQ) Exposure Quick Reference



Please keep this card behind your ID badge or in your purse/wallet so that you have this information when you need it

WHAT TO DO

1. Identify The Situation

If you encounter unusual fumes (odors), smoke, or haze:

- Quickly rule out in-cabin items
- Report the situation to the pilots immediately. If the source is the air from the vents in the cabin, there is the possibly oil/hydraulic fluid contamination.
- If no passengers are on board, step off the aircraft, especially if maintenance boards to test systems
- Avoid breathing fumes coming from vents

2. Get Help If Sick

- If in the air, notify the pilots to call Medlink
- If still at the gate, ask the CSA to call paramedics. Deplane if possible.
- Seek medical attention as soon as possible. Some tests must be performed as soon as possible to detect exposure. Your symptoms can persist, worsen, or return after another incident.
- Call AFA for help (see reverse)
- Print and begin completing the AFA exposure checklist
- Review the AFA International Air Quality website

3. Report & Document

- File an I-21 (employee injury report) and ASAP report with the company
- Keep printed copies of each report
- Send a copy of the completed I-21 form to airquality@afaalaska.org
- Ask supervisor to complete their Alaska Airlines air quality checklist with you
- If sick, file a worker's compensation claim and see a doctor as quickly as possible. Claims do not start until you see a doctor.
- Keep a symptom diary and document everything with a doctor

INFO FOR YOUR DOCTOR

High-temperature oil/hydraulic fluid fumes can contaminate aircraft air supply system from engines/APU. Give your doctor the relevant safety data sheet (SDS) [oil: Mobil Jet Oil II; hydraulic fluid: Chevron Hyjet IVa+] AND Health Care Providers' Guide. AFA can fax these to ER/doctor on request.

Alaska Airlines uses:

Mobil Jet Oil II engine oil; contains tricresyl phosphates, per SDS; and

Chevron Hyjet IVa+ hydraulic fluid; contains tributyl phosphates, per SDS.

Both types of fumes can contain carbon monoxide (CO). Notify doctor if you took oxygen (recommended) because it can influence the CO blood test. Information regarding blood tests to discuss with doctor can be found below.

Health Care Provider Guide

<http://ashsd.afacwa.org/docs/HCPquick.pdf>

Blood Testing Information

<http://ashsd.afacwa.org/docs/docinfo.pdf>

Practical Advice

<http://ashsd.afacwa.org/docs/practical.htm>

RESOURCES

This Information + Forms

<http://afaalaska.org/ashsc/airquality/checklist>

AFA International AQ Website

<http://goo.gl/F5p5js>



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