

RUNWAY SAFETY ALERT

14 CFR Part 91.129(i) – “Taxi to”

Inadvertent entry onto an active runway represents one of the most persistent hazards in civil aviation. Awareness of pertinent regulations and a clear understanding of every taxi clearance are essential defenses against a potentially catastrophic runway incursion.

It is essential that pilots clearly understand Part 91.129(i) and other regulations that pertain to taxi clearances, and the meaning of every taxi clearance issued by a ground controller. Further, pilots must have a working knowledge of signs, markings, and lighting (such as runway guard lights) designed to help identify the approaching runway environment.

And finally, pilots should never hesitate to call upon ATC (ground control) for help before taxiing or at any time while taxiing.

A clearance to “taxi to” the takeoff runway assigned to the aircraft is not a clearance to cross the assigned takeoff runway, or to taxi on that runway at any point, but is a clearance to cross other runways that intersect the taxi route to that assigned takeoff runway.

IF IN DOUBT... ASK!

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