AFA Protects Flight Attendant Safety, Health & Security 24/7!

AFA is the industry watchdog for Flight Attendants, promoting improvements and fighting any compromise in the rules designed to protect your safety, health and security on the job. Expert staff in the AFA Air Safety, Health & Security Department monitor and work with federal agencies and regulatory bodies like the Federal Aviation Administration, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, and the National Transportation Safety Board. From ensuring that Flight Attendants can report safety incidents in a non-punitve environment to working on accident investigation teams, AFA is always at the forefront of promoting Flight Attendant health, safety and security. As the designated representative of the International Transport Workers Federation, AFA also represents safety, health and security interests of Flight Attendants before the World Health Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

AFA Air Safety, Health & Security experts provide ongoing training and support to our worldwide network of more than 100 AFA Safety Committee chairs and members at 21 airlines. AFA is the only union that provides Flight Attendants with constant access to the cutting-edge research, information and crucial support services that Flight Attendants rely on in our constantly changing industry.
AFA Advances Flight Attendant Safety, Health & Security

• AFA Safety Committees implemented the first Onboard Safety Action Program (OSAP) which allows Flight Attendants to report and identify safety issues and hazards through a non-punitive process that focuses on what’s right, not who’s right.

• AFA assists the NTSB in post-accident and incident investigations, including conduct of debriefings. We also consult with management regarding jumpseat and emergency equipment placement, and required training curriculum.

• AFA provides input to the FAA regarding certification of new or reconfigured aircraft. Our work ultimately prevented US airlines from removing the 3L and 3R doors on 747s and prevented Airbus from getting approval for increasing the distance between emergency exits.

• AFA led the charge to defeat the FCC proposal to lift its ban on inflight use of cell phones.

• AFA distributed radiation dosimeters to monitor for radiation exposure on flights to and from Japan and on the ground in Japan.

• AFA has been the leader in the evolution from “sky girl” to safety professional including the successful campaign to correct our Department of Labor job description from a “personal care and service occupation” to a transportation occupation with pilots and air traffic controllers. Our work continues as we promote Flight Attendants as first responders by educating policy makers and the public about the skills and training we call upon on a daily basis to respond to and manage all types of emergencies.

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