



YAKIMA AIR TERMINAL McALLISTER FIELD

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Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field Safety Brochure

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) began utilizing the Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field in May 2019 for ICE Air flights. Since then, various airlines have utilized the airfield to transport ICE detainees to alternative locations throughout the United States. During this timeframe, the airport has provided multiple aircraft parking locations to include the present location on the McCormick Air Center apron. Community members and observers continue to witness these flights and show support for passengers who are arriving or departing from the airport. In order to assist the community in these efforts, the City has identified a location within the airport maintenance facility where individuals can safely observe the flights. Although this location is open to the public, the daily functions carried out by airport maintenance staff could pose a variety of safety concerns. When viewing these flights, the following safety measures should be followed:

- Distracting passengers by displaying signs or projecting noises while they ascend or descend on air stairs may increase safety concerns as it relates to tripping hazards.
- Park vehicles in designated parking areas. Vehicle parking at Airlift Northwest and Staci's Catering is reserved for staff only. If parking is unavailable, please relocate to an alternative approved parking location.
- Do not park vehicles or stand in front of vehicle emergency access gates.
- Do not hang signs or posters on the airport security fence.
- When observing these flights, remain within the barricaded viewing area. This ensures airfield maintenance can continue to operate heavy equipment staged at the maintenance facility.
- Access to airfield maintenance buildings, City equipment, and inside the airport security fence are prohibited to the general public.
- Airport staff may be present to observe these flights to ensure safety and security measures are upheld at all times.
- Be aware of your surroundings as airfield maintenance staff may operate large equipment within the airfield maintenance facility.

- Aircraft or helicopters are occasionally parked on aircraft aprons adjacent to the viewing area. The public should use extreme caution as these aircraft or helicopters may depart the area producing high velocity winds that could cause a danger to human safety.
- Aircraft and ground support vehicles may park in various areas which may unintentionally obscure the public's viewing. This may be caused by limited parking space for aircraft and ground support vehicles.
- Ground support personnel who operate equipment or move aircraft on the Fixed Base Operator's apron are not City employees.
- As winter season fast approaches, please use caution while walking in vehicle parking lots as compact snow and ice may be present and cause a slipping hazard.
- During winter season there will be an increased frequency of heavy equipment operations and it is recommended observers avoid areas where snow removal operations are occurring.
- If viewing flights during colder weather observers need to dress appropriately to avoid injury or frost bite due to winter elements.

Community Viewing Area





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Fact Sheet

- The Yakima Air Terminal-McAllister Field is a commercial service airport that provides daily air service to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport through Alaska Airlines.
- The airport is owned and operated by the City of Yakima and is located approximately 3 miles southwest of downtown Yakima.
- The airport encompasses approximately 864 acres and is home to a variety of businesses that support the Yakima Valley.
- The airport is managed by specialized support staff consisting of 9 full- and 3 part-time employees.
- The airport is funded through a self-sustaining enterprise fund and is eligible to receive federal grants in order to replace aging infrastructure as well as ensuring the airport remains safe and secure. Funds obtained by federal grants are only eligible to be expensed on infrastructure improvements such as runways, taxiways, aprons, security gates, aircraft rescue and firefighting equipment, airport navigation systems, runway lights, snow removal equipment, etc.
- All funds collected at the airport are based on a user fee system. Examples of fees collected include:
 - Airline landing fees, aeronautical and commercial land lease fees, aircraft fuel flowage fees, passenger facility charges, vehicle parking fees, car rental fees, terminal building advertising, security fees, etc.
- The airport does not impact the City of Yakima's General Fund or impose any taxes within the Yakima Valley.
- Provided the airport accepts federal grant monies through the Airport Improvement Program, the airport must adhere to specific terms and obligations with the Federal government.
- Examples of these terms and obligations include:
 - Airport Revenues: All revenues generated by the airport will be expended by it for the capital or operating costs of the airport. Revenues cannot be donated, transferred or expensed to other organizations or departments outside of the airport.
 - Non-Discrimination: The City must ensure the airport is available for public use on reasonable terms and without unjust discrimination to all types, kinds and classes of aeronautical activities, including commercial aeronautical activities offering services to the public at the airport.