IOSH is the Chartered body for health and safety professionals. With more than 46,000 members in over 120 countries, we’re the world’s largest professional health and safety organisation.

We set standards, support, develop and connect our members with resources, guidance, events and training. We’re the voice of the profession, and campaign on issues that affect millions of working people.

IOSH was founded in 1945 and is a registered charity with international NGO status.

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The IOSH Aviation and Aerospace Group represents a diverse range of companies in the aviation and aerospace sector. It offers professional health and safety guidance and advice to a broad range of stakeholders in the aviation and aerospace industry.

The IOSH Aviation and Aerospace Group:
- provides CPD activities, seminars, site visits and networking opportunities through sector-specific events, often working with other IOSH groups, branches and industry organisations
- issues regular news updates and articles on our microsite to keep members informed
- represents specialists working in the sector and informs national bodies by encouraging debate and contributing to the development of standards and guidance
- provides access to a wide range of advice and information relevant to the sector
- offers opportunities to join projects and campaigns that champion exacting standards in our industry
- provides networking opportunities with over 650 safety and health professionals in our sector
- enables you to develop and maintain your professional status

Challenges within our industry
Significant safety and health challenges in the aviation and aerospace sector include:
- understanding and researching the ‘human factors’ element at a time when technology and systems in the air and on the ground become increasingly intelligent and complex, reducing the need for human intervention.
- aircraft turnrounds, which present significant hazards and risks to a range of people working on the airport apron.
- designing processes that minimise the risk from manual tasks such as baggage handling, security screening searches, and pushing, pulling, lifting and moving equipment during the aircraft turnround process.
- raising awareness of the impact of stress and fatigue on flight crews, aircraft engineers, terminal and security staff, and ground handlers.
- the significant increase in reports of remotely-piloted aircraft systems operating dangerously close to piloted aircraft and staffed airports.
- promoting a better understanding of the hazards and associated risks from aircraft engineering activities, and encouraging innovative methods to address working at height and the handling, use and storage of substances hazardous to health.

Why should you join?

The IOSH Aviation and Aerospace Group is a forum to network and exchange information related to the sector, and helps IOSH meet its strategic objectives.

When you join the group, you’ll get:
- invitations to networking events, seminars and site visits, often involving practical demonstrations, at reduced rates.
- access to a wide range of advice and information relevant to the sector.
- the chance to network with fellow professionals in the sector.
- access to other IOSH groups and the branch network.
- the opportunity to contribute to consultations and influence policies.
- updates from our partnerships with other industry forums.

The committee
The committee is made up of volunteers who have specific skills, expertise and knowledge of the sector. Committee members are appointed from among the group’s membership and from external agencies.

The committee meets periodically to draw up and review a plan of activities. It acts as a focal point for members and as a link between IOSH head office and the sector. We are always keen to hear from members wishing to raise specific topics or suggest ideas for events. We will assist you with any questions.

Sharing good practice
IOSH is the leading membership organisation for safety and health professionals. With a thriving network of branches and sector groups, the Institution provides opportunities to meet other practitioners, share good practice, receive the latest news and guidance, attend free or low-cost events, and get support for professional development.

The group is dedicated to practitioners working in the aviation and aerospace sector and is open to all categories of IOSH membership. You can join us even if you are already a member of another IOSH network.

To join the group, send us an email. If you are coming to one of our events, why not discuss your interest in person with a committee member?

We warmly invite non-members to our events and webinars.

For more details, visit www.iosh.co.uk/aviationandaerospacegroup. You can also contact the committee through the IOSH Networks team at networks@iosh.com