

INTERCEPT PROCEDURES

If you are intercepted by a U.S. Military or law enforcement aircraft, immediately:

1. Follow the instructions given by the intercepting aircraft (see chart below)
2. Notify ATC, if possible
3. Attempt to communicate with the intercepting aircraft and/or ATC on the emergency frequency **121.5 MHz**, giving the identity and position of your aircraft and the nature of the flight.
4. If equipped with a transponder, **squawk 7700**, unless otherwise instructed by ATC. If any instructions received by radio from any sources conflict with those given by the intercepting aircraft by visual or radio signals, **request clarification while continuing to comply with the instructions given by the intercepting aircraft.**

Intercepting Aircraft Signal	Meaning	Intercepted Aircraft Response	Meaning
Rock wings. After acknowledgement initiates a slow level turn, normally to the left, onto the desired heading. <i>(At night, the pilot will also flash the navigational lights at irregular intervals)</i>	You have been intercepted. Follow me.	Rocks wings and follows	I understand and will comply
Performs an abrupt breakaway maneuver consisting of a climbing 90 degree turn, or more, without crossing the intercepted aircraft's flight path	You may proceed	Rocks wings	I understand and will comply
Circles airport, lowers landing gear, and overflies runway in the direction of landing <i>(At night, the pilot will also put the landing lights on)</i>	Land at this airport	Lowers landing gear, follows the intercepting aircraft and lands if the runway is considered safe <i>(At night, the pilot will also put the landing lights on)</i>	I understand and will comply
If the intercepted aircraft is requested to go to an alternate airport, the intercepting aircraft raises its landing gear and uses the intercept procedures (listed above)	Understood, follow me	Raises landing gear while flying over runway between 1,000' and 2,000', and continues to circle the airport <i>(At night, the pilot of the intercepted aircraft will also flash landing lights while passing over the runway)</i>	This airport is inadequate
To release the intercepted aircraft, the intercepting aircraft will perform the breakaway maneuver listed above	Understood, you may proceed		
Performs the breakaway maneuver listed above	Understood	The pilot switches in and off all available lights at irregular intervals	Cannot comply
Performs the breakaway maneuver listed above	Understood	The pilot switches in and off all available lights at irregular intervals	In distress