



Position Statement Regarding Wind Turbines and Safe Landing Zones

Flight For Life is committed to safety and quality patient care in our operations.

Flight For Life is aware of plans for the construction of wind turbine farms throughout the State of Wisconsin over the next several years. We, in coordination with our aircraft vendor, have reviewed the potential turbulence wind turbines may or may not create. In general, wind turbines are viewed in the same manner as any other obstruction encountered along flight paths, including power lines, utility poles, large signs, cell towers, or any other similar object.

Operating Helicopter EMS (HEMS) aircraft near wind turbines is not precluded; however additional training for landing zone selection near wind turbines should be reviewed with all agencies. Flight For Life has trained and is available to work with local law enforcement, fire department, and emergency medical services in setting up safe landing zones.

There may be times that the selected landing zone for a HEMS scene flight response, located in the area of a wind turbine, is determined to be inappropriate for landing. Flight For Life will coordinate an alternate landing zone with local on-scene agencies and ensure that rapid and timely access to the patient occurs without compromising safety or patient care.

Contact your local HEMS program to schedule landing zone training sessions. If you have additional questions regarding HEMS operations in and around wind turbines, please contact your local HEMS program for additional information.