

## Staying Sharp, Staying Safe — Together

Dear Pilots,

It's time for our first 2025 safety roundup. We've had 8 reported occurrences since January — thanks to everyone who took the time to log these. Sharing them helps all of us fly smarter and stay safer.

Here's a quick look at what's happened and what we can learn:

### INCIDENT SUMMARIES - Q1

#### 1. Avionics Malfunction during Taxi :: PH-DHB



Chronometer blanked out, and red crosses appeared on both PFD & MFD. Resolved after cycling avionics during run-up. The aircraft flew fine afterward. The chronometer will be replaced.

👉 **Reminder:** Always check PFD/MFD before flight, and know your backup instruments. Ensure the avionics are off before engine start & stop, this will prevent damage to the electronics.

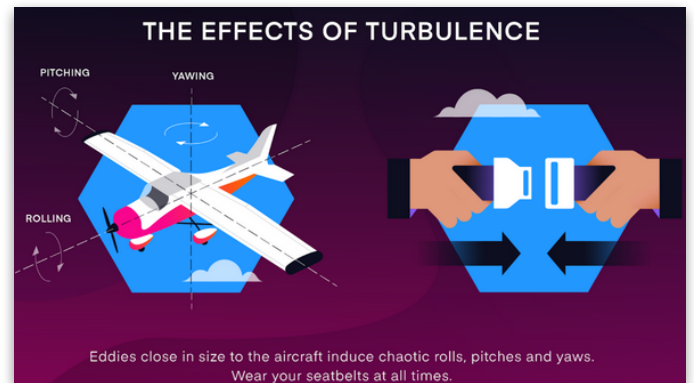
#### 2. Radio Noise After Takeoff :: PH-DHB



Squelch setting issue made it difficult to hear EHLE Tower omitting critical traffic warning information. Pilot suppressed the noise, restored comms, and followed up with a report.

👉 **Tip:** Re-check headset squelch settings before flight. We'll run ground/air tests and refresh comms troubleshooting in training.

#### 3. Sudden Vertical Displacement at 1000 ft



A sharp bump lifted both pilot and passenger mid-flight. No harm or damage found, but it was a wake-up call on seatbelt and harnesses adjustment.

👉 **Pro Tip:** Double-check seatbelts & harnesses tightness, especially with kids onboard. Review ongoing weather and be aware: possible turbulence.

#### 4. Bird Strike (After Takeoff, 900 ft) :: PH-DHA



A bird hit the left wing near the stall sensor. Minor damage, returned for inspection. No bird remains found. Aircraft was released.

👉 **Heads-Up:** Migrating geese NOTAMs are active. Check for bird activity before departure and avoid flying at low altitudes in areas of high bird activity. Watch out: Oostvaardersplassen in Lelystad.

## 5. Loose Gap-Seal Tape Mid-Flight :: PH-DHB



Rattling noise led to discovery of loose tape under the fuselage. Safe landing, no performance impact.

👉 **Pilot Win:** Recalling a past case helped manage in-flight stress. Include underside tape checks to walkarounds — especially after rain or washing.

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## 6. Persistent Squelch Issues on PH-DHB

Static on Lelystad frequencies; other stations fine. Report + video submitted for tech analysis.

👉 **If flying PHB:** This issue is currently logged for monitoring. Squelch setting is often left too sensitive, verify before flight. Also iPad/USB chargers can cause interference. Until resolved: report new details on the aircraft complaints book or *klachtenboek*, and inform our Fleet Manager.

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## 7. Close Encounter: Giant Party Balloon



A gold XL size 5 party balloon drifted east-west at 1000 ft after Bravo Departure, close enough to see the string. No evasive action needed, the hazard was notified to Dutch Mil.

👉 **Reminder:** Stay sharp for visual threats. Report airborne hazards to ATC — even if no evasive action is needed.

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## 8. Prop Strike by Robotic Lawnmower



While parked during start-up at EDWL, a robot mower wandered into the prop— damage confirmed, PH-DHA was grounded.

👉 **Important:** No NOTAMs were issued by the airfield. After safety assessment a report was made to the corresponding authorities recommending for stricter ground ops protocols.

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## QUICK SAFETY REMINDERS

- ✓ **Pre-Flight:** Check squelch, avionics, and gap-seal tape. Fasten belts/harnesses tight (especially for kids).
- ✓ **In-Flight:** Stay alert for other traffic, birds and airborne junk — even balloons.
- ✓ **On the Ground:** eyes open — if it's not on your checklist, it might still hit your prop!
- ✓ **Comms:** Report problems early.

Shared Info = Better Solutions

Thank you for staying proactive and keeping the skies (and taxiways) safe. Got something to report? Big or small, we want to hear it — it helps us learn.

Questions, ideas, or cool safety tips to share?

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Fly safe,

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