

# **Ephrata Safety Briefing Info**

## **Communications Frequencies:**

EPH Clubhouse Phone:	509-754-3852
EPH CTAF - All Launches, Tows, Landings:	122.8
EPH ATIS:	135.775
In-Flight Frequency:	123.3
Alternate in-flight frequency:	123.5
Grant County Approach:	126.4
Grant County Tower:	118.25
Grant County ATIS:	119.05
Wenatchee (Pangborn):	123.0
Ritzville Parachute Ops:	123.3 and 122.9

**Tow-release** – Glider turns right while towplane turns left; no exceptions!

**Thermalling** – left turns **ONLY** within 5 miles of Ephrata, and 1 mile of any turnpoint! First glider in the thermal establishes direction, so be sure to look above *and* below when entering a thermal, and match the turning direction of any aircraft already in the thermal!

**Finish** – Switch radio to EPH CTAF 4 miles out and call your position & intentions. Coordinate with other traffic to determine landing order.

**Landing** – Do not relax when the aircraft comes to a stop! Make sure to clear the runway ASAP. You may roll out slowly and under control to the west side of the glider runway (towards the ramp area). Do not leave your glider unattended in the runway/ramp area!

**Physiology** – Pilots *and* Crew Members need to stay hydrated, have skin and eye protection from the sun!

**Off-Field Landings** – “Green is Mean!” Landing in bare or fallow fields is preferable. Irrigated fields = unknown piping & automated systems. Roads aren’t usually landable. Almost all airports are – check NOTAMS and runway conditions prior to flight, and watch runway edge lights on landing!

## **CAUTIONS –**

- Not much landable terrain the last 4 miles near Ephrata. Don’t take risks with your final glide!
- Watch for large military aircraft operating around Grant County (and the rest of the task area).
- Be especially careful around the Mansfield area, due to rocketry events (just West of town).
- Stay alert for Hang-Glider and Paraglider activity from Chelan, out across the plateau.
- Steer clear of the Yakima Firing range and other Special Use Airspace.
- Watch for aerobatic aircraft around Ephrata and in the Aerobatic box (east side of the main runway).

Have Concerns about the operation? There will be a safety box in the clubhouse for those who want to raise issues anonymously.

**Fly Safe, and Have a blast!**