



*Affiliated to the British Model Flying Association  
Club No. 561*

## **BRIGHTON RADIO FLYING CLUB - FLYING SAFETY CHECKLIST – FIXED WING**

1. Before leaving home check that the model is airworthy, batteries are fully charged and that the transmitter is turned off.
2. Switch off your mobile phone or leave it in the box at the gate.
3. Check that your transmitter is displaying the correct pennant and that your frequency is clear. Place your named and numbered tag on the board .
4. Fix your restraint in the pits area so that your model faces towards the strip with its propeller in line with those of other models.
5. If you use an on-board glow check that it is turned off.
6. Keep your eyes well away from all fuel-tubing connectors when pumping fuel.
7. Before starting the engine check :- a) throttle is closed b) model is pulled forward on to the restraint c) neck strap, anorak cords etc are tucked safely away and all loose items and wires are clear of the propeller d) bystanders are behind the propeller.
8. If holding the model up to adjust the fuel needle get an experienced helper to hold the transmitter and keep the arc of the propeller well away from bystanders.
9. Carry or wheel the model to the edge of the strip.
10. Ask other pilots if it is OK to take off and wait for a clear positive response from each before proceeding.
11. Raise the transmitter aerial. Check that all rate and mixer switches are correctly set. Check that all controls are operating in the correct direction.
12. Carry or taxi the model to the centre of the strip before taking off.
13. If the model veers badly on take-off cut the throttle immediately. (The model is less likely to veer if the throttle is opened gradually)
14. Move as quickly as possible to stand close to other pilots in the pilots' area to aid communication and reduce the chance of interference.
15. Fly at a sensible speed and height within the designated area. Keep well clear if others are on the strip or the footpath.
16. In the event of an engine failure call "Deadstick" loudly and glide back to the strip ONLY if it is safe to do so.

17. When you are ready to land check that there is nobody on the footpath. Call "OK to land?" clearly and wait for a response from other pilots.
18. If you need to go on the strip to collect your model call "On the strip" loudly and await an acknowledgement before proceeding. Otherwise taxi your model to the edge of the strip.
19. Stop the engine. Switch off the receiver and transmitter. Lower the aerial and carry or wheel the model back to the pits.
20. If you are sharing a frequency remove the tag from the board and inform the other pilot that the frequency is clear.