

Safety Notes

HPAC's accident and incident report for 2024

In 2024 the HPAC Safety Committee received 21 self-reported safety events. By 2022, we had seen a marked decline in reported accidents. This decline continued in 2023, but HPAC members seem to have started reporting incidents and accidents again in 2024, following the launch of the new reporting form (Figure 1).

In 2024, 13 reports (62%) involved paragliders, 2 of which were tandems, while 8 reports (38%) involved hang gliders. The Committee received no reports involving speedflying. The accidents and incidents reported took place in various provinces, mainly British Columbia (58%), followed by Ontario (26%; Figure 2).

Among the accidents/incidents reported in 2024, 2 resulted in death, 12 caused serious injuries requiring hospitalization or medical treatment, 3 caused minor injuries not requiring medical treatment (1 was to the passenger [tandem]) and 4 caused no injuries at all.

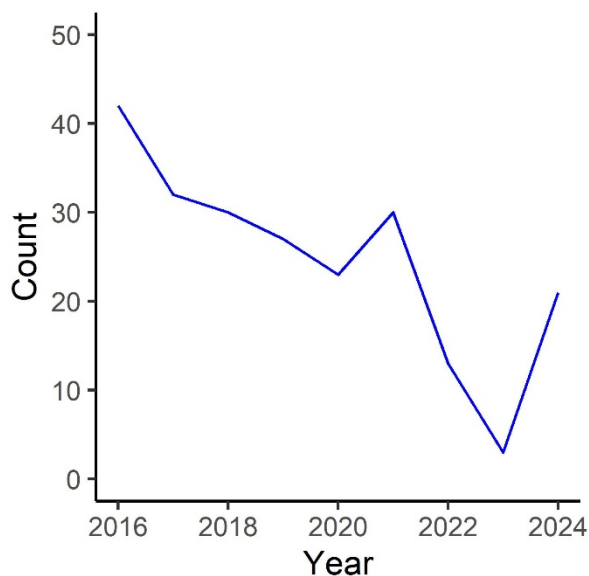


Figure 2. Number of incident/accident reported per year

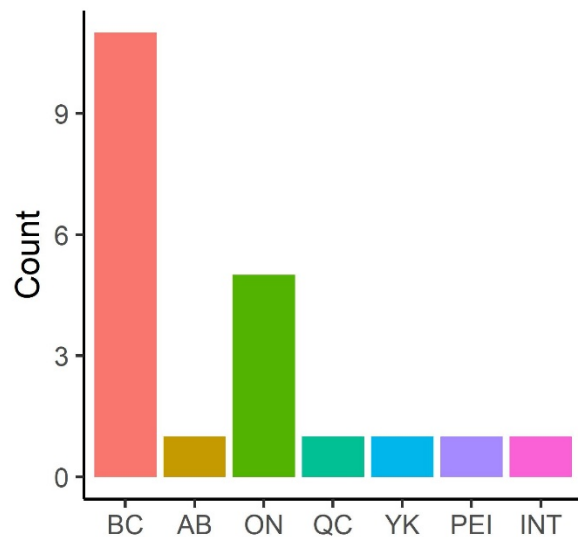


Figure 1. Number of incident/accident reported in 2024, per province
INT = outside of Canada

We strongly encourage you to continue reporting flight accidents and incidents ([here](#))! HPAC database of self-reported accidents and incidents is one of the main sources of information on safety in our sport. We encourage all pilots to report every accident and incident. This will improve the quality of our data,

contribute to a better understanding of the risks associated with our sport, and enable us to make relevant safety recommendations. You can always report an accident or incident, even if it happened in previous years. Let's work together to make our sport safer!

We are in the process of analyzing the details of each report so that we can offer you a more complete summary in 2025. Have a good flight, and don't forget to fill in your accident/incident report!

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Report a paragliding or hang gliding occurrence:

