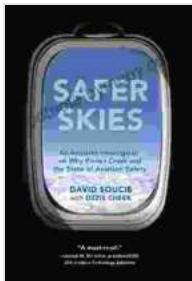


# Unsafe Skies: An Accident Investigator's Account of the Failures of Aviation Safety

In the wake of a recent string of deadly plane crashes, the public is once again questioning the safety of air travel. In his new book, *Unsafe Skies*, veteran accident investigator John Cox argues that the aviation industry is not ng enough to prevent crashes. Cox draws on his own experience investigating some of the most catastrophic crashes in recent history, including the crash of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 over Ukraine in 2014 and the crash of Lion Air Flight 610 in Indonesia in 2018.



## Safer Skies: An Accident Investigator on Why Planes Crash and the State of Aviation Safety by David Soucie

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Cox's book is a chilling indictment of the aviation industry. He provides damning evidence of the industry's failures, and he makes a convincing case that the risks of flying are greater than they should be. *Unsafe Skies* is a must-read for anyone who is concerned about the safety of air travel.

## **The Causes of Plane Crashes**

There are many factors that can contribute to a plane crash, but Cox identifies three main causes:

1. **Pilot error:** This is the most common cause of plane crashes, accounting for about half of all accidents. Pilot error can be caused by a variety of factors, including fatigue, distraction, and poor decision-making.
2. **Mechanical failure:** This is the second most common cause of plane crashes, accounting for about a quarter of all accidents. Mechanical failure can be caused by a variety of factors, including design flaws, manufacturing defects, and maintenance problems.
3. **Weather:** Weather is a major factor in about 10% of all plane crashes. Weather-related accidents can be caused by a variety of factors, including thunderstorms, icing, and fog.

It is important to note that these three factors are often interrelated. For example, pilot error can be a contributing factor in a mechanical failure, and weather can be a contributing factor in a pilot error.

## **The State of Aviation Safety**

The state of aviation safety has improved significantly over the past few decades. However, Cox argues that there is still room for improvement. He

says that the aviation industry is not doing enough to prevent crashes, and that the risks of flying are increasing.

Cox cites a number of examples of the industry's failures. He says that airlines are cutting corners on maintenance and training, and that regulators are not doing enough to hold them accountable. He also says that the industry is too focused on short-term profits and not enough on safety.

As a result of these failures, Cox says that the risks of flying are increasing. He says that the chances of being involved in a fatal plane crash are about one in 1.2 million. However, he says that this risk is increasing, and that it is likely to continue to increase in the future.

### **What Can Be Done to Improve Aviation Safety?**

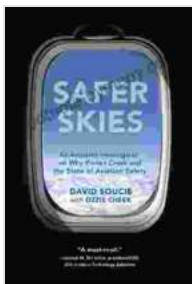
Cox believes that there are a number of things that can be done to improve aviation safety. He says that the aviation industry needs to be more focused on safety, and that regulators need to do a better job of holding airlines accountable. He also says that the public needs to be more aware of the risks of flying.

Cox's recommendations include:

- Increasing funding for aviation safety research
- Improving pilot training and certification
- Requiring airlines to use more advanced safety technologies
- Strengthening the oversight of airlines by regulators
- Educating the public about the risks of flying

Cox believes that these measures will help to reduce the risks of flying and make air travel safer for everyone.

*Unsafe Skies* is a sobering look at the state of aviation safety. Cox provides a damning indictment of the aviation industry, and he makes a convincing case that the risks of flying are greater than they should be. However, he also offers a number of recommendations for improving aviation safety. If these recommendations are implemented, the risks of flying can be reduced and air travel can be made safer for everyone.



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