

WEST PASCO MODEL PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Dangers and Safety Procedures for Retrieval of Models that Land Off-Property

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Dangers of Retrieving Aircraft from Power Lines

All flyers need to be aware of potential dangers to themselves and to the club of attempting to retrieve model aircraft caught in power lines. Attempting to retrieve a model aircraft stuck in power lines is a dangerous practice as those lines are high voltage and could result in electrocution to a member or members.

Airplanes stuck in power lines should be left alone and **Duke Energy** contacted to send a crew to retrieve. They do this at no cost and can be contacted at **(800) 228-8485 with reference to the West Pasco Model Pilots Association at 13749 Gladstone Drive, Odessa, FL.**

Dangers of Retrieving Aircraft from the Spray Field

It is important to minimize time spent retrieving any downed aircraft from the spray field to prevent any possible contamination from not fully processed water sprayed onto the field. Although the health risk is minimal it is wise to spend as little time as possible in that field. At no time should a member drive any vehicle onto the spray field

Dangers of Going in the Woods to Retrieve Model Aircraft

Flyers looking for model aircraft that are lost in wooded areas bordering the flying field should be aware of all the potential dangers to themselves and to the club by going into the woods in search of model aircraft.

Walking into the wooded areas creates serious potential harm to the individual from native 'critters' as well as risking potential dehydration from heat, exertion, and disorientation. In addition, individuals may be trespassing onto private property creating a legal liability to the club and a potential threat to the club's lease of county land.

It is imperative that before anyone seeks to find a model lost in a wooded area, they have at least one and preferably two witnesses capable of pointing out a bearing and distance to the observed craft based on a known reference just before it went down. Then a club person knowledgeable about the area should be contacted to try and locate the craft based on the observed information. The time and direction and intent of the retriever should be noted and recorded by another club member who intends to be at the field for enough time to complete the mission and cell phone numbers should be exchanged between the two parties. If the individual does not return or contact the observer within a specified time emergency services should be called for help.

In the Event of an Emergency Dial 911 for Assistance