## HOW TO REPORT FATIGUE /



There are some ways to fill in fatigue reports. And ways to be avoided. Here are some practical hints!



**DOs** 

Always use factual information only. Less is more: be factual, to the point, and (if possible) avoid using long texts.

## Make sure you provide:

- » an accurate assessment of your alertness level prior to an event (use the 1-9 score of the scientific 'Karolinska Sleepiness Scale); and if you provide 'Fatigue Details', use again identical terms from that scale - e.g. "... during the approach I was sleepy, it was an effort to stay awake (Karolinska 8), and ...").
- » previous sleep periods & length/s (as best as possible). As the only real effective way to mitigate/lessen any onset of fatigue is to have adequate sleep, it is important to have information on what your sleep length and quality was prior to any event.
- » the main reason for the fatigue event (e.g. "flight departure delayed and subsequent duties after long period of wakefulness, a series of night duties, hotel room not able to obtain quality sleep, roster change and was not able to plan adequate rest");
- » accurate data of changedf lightduties (if applicable).

## When to report

- » Always report fatigue before, during and even after the completion of a fatiguing duty if you feel it is appropriate. Do so especially if your fatigue scores are high (7-9).
- » The fatigue report must be used if you requested / required additional sleep / rest at layover hotel or home base, to ensure the next duty/duties can be performed safely.
- » It must be used after you reviewed your next duty / duties and are concerned that the fatigue level (potentially) impacts your ability to perform your flights safely.
- » If in doubt, fill in the report. Each fatigue event merits being reported!
- » Refrain from using subjective (personal) opinions or assumptions, rather than facts.
- » Avoid using wording open to interpretation.
- » Never use language against company procedures, personnel, processes and / or language that gives an indication of personal feelings / emotions such as: frustration, anger, low morale, etc.



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