

Richard Loewen: The Role of ATC

Reducing the risks of runway excursions is not only a tower issue; nor is it isolated to the terminal specialty. Whether you're in the cab, tracon or en route center, there are positive steps you can take to reduce this very real risk. Tower controllers have been receiving comprehensive trainings and briefings on how to reduce runway incursions for many years and those efforts have been successful. Our runway safety record is at an all time high, but I know we can improve. I hope you will find this app helpful in expanding your understanding of the risk of runway excursions, as well as find the suggestions for good operating practices helpful. The "For Pilots" section will be informative to controllers just as I believe the "For Controllers" section will be informative to the pilot community. By better understanding what is going on on the other side of the mic, just like flight deck training, we will be on a better team working together to reduce the risk of runway excursions.