In the Event of Water Landing: Emergency Procedures for Passengers

Before a Water Landing

In the unlikely event of a water landing, it is crucial for passengers to remain calm and follow the instructions of the flight crew. Here are some steps to take before a water landing:



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- Stay calm and listen for instructions. The flight crew will provide instructions on how to prepare for the landing, including where to position yourself and what to do in case of an emergency.
- Fasten your seatbelt. Keep your seatbelt fastened until instructed by the flight crew to remove it.
- Remove loose objects. Stow away any loose objects in the seat pocket or under the seat in front of you to prevent them from becoming projectiles in the event of impact.

- Put on your life vest. If you are not already wearing it, put on your life vest as soon as possible. Make sure the vest is properly fastened and adjusted.
- Locate the nearest emergency exit. Identify the emergency exit closest to your seat and make sure you know how to open it.
- Prepare for impact. Brace yourself for impact by placing your feet on the floor, leaning forward, and placing your head between your knees.

During a Water Landing

If the aircraft is going to land on water, the flight crew will inform the passengers and provide instructions on how to proceed. Here are the steps to follow during a water landing:

- Stay calm and listen for instructions. Follow the instructions of the flight crew carefully.
- Prepare for impact. Brace yourself for impact by placing your feet on the floor, leaning forward, and placing your head between your knees.
- Stay in your seat. Do not attempt to evacuate the aircraft until instructed to do so by the flight crew.
- Exit the aircraft calmly. Once instructed to evacuate, exit the aircraft in an orderly manner. Do not push or shove others.
- Inflate your life vest. Once you are out of the aircraft, inflate your life vest by pulling the cord.
- **Stay afloat**. Use your life vest to keep yourself afloat. Do not try to swim away from the aircraft.

Locate a life raft. Look for a life raft and board it if possible. Life rafts
are designed to keep you afloat and protected from the elements.

Stay warm. Use blankets or towels to keep yourself warm.
 Hypothermia can be a serious risk in cold water.

After a Water Landing

Once you have evacuated the aircraft and are safely in the water, there are some important steps to follow to ensure your survival:

• Stay calm and stay together. It is important to stay calm and work together with others to survive.

 Ration supplies. If you have any food or water, ration it carefully. It is important to stay hydrated and nourished.

• Stay alert for rescue. Keep an eye out for rescue crews and signal for help if necessary. Use whistles, flares, or mirrors to attract attention.

 Avoid drinking seawater. Seawater can dehydrate you. If you must drink seawater, boil it first to kill any bacteria.

 Seek medical attention. If you have any injuries, seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Water landings are rare, but it is important to be prepared in the unlikely event of one occurring. By following the emergency procedures outlined in this article, you can increase your chances of survival and ensure the safety of others.

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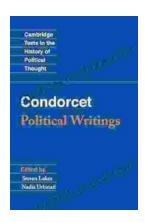
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