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**1. Purpose.** This OPM amends the "Helicopter Emergency Seating Positions" contained in the *Interagency Helicopter Operations Guide (IHOG).*

**2. General.** The "Helicopter Emergency Seating Positions" contained in the IHOG are incorrect.

**3. Policy.**

**A.** Discontinue using the emergency seating positions described in the IHOG, Chapter 10, Exhibit 10-2, page 10-9.

**B.** Passengers shall use the following emergency seating positions:

Passengers without shoulder harnesses: bend forward at the waist as far as possible and grasp arms under legs, regardless of seating configuration.

Passengers with shoulder harness: sit in full upright position with head and back against seat and use arms to brace in position, regardless of seating configuration.

**C.** These new procedures will be reflected in the next revision of the IHOG as well as all other affected guides, documents and training packages.

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