

Title	Carriage of Special Categories of Passengers (SCPs)
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UK CAA (UK CAA, European.Affairs@caa.co.uk) has placed **1** reactions on this NPA:

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0	(general reactions)	<p>Page No: 9 / 10</p> <p>Paragraph No: n/a response to invited comment.</p> <p>Comment: The UK CAA is concerned that the proposed age limit of 18 years of age may preclude a fellow travelling companion, including a family member, of less than 18 years from being able to act as safety assistant.</p> <p>Justification: Persons younger than 18 years of age who are physically and mentally able to follow crew instructions; and assist in an emergency situation or evacuation of the SCP, may be capable of fulfilling the role of safety assistant. The information provided to SCP and safety assistant should enable them to respond appropriately in an emergency situation. Setting a limit of 18 years may unduly impact on an SCP's ability to travel. It may also prevent a SCP from being able to travel with a safety assistant who best knows the particular needs of the SCP; for example, a family member or close companion.</p> <p>It is not clear what is being referred to by legal responsibility. It is our under understanding that there is no proposal to impose legal liability on a safety assistant through regulation, contract or voluntary assumption.</p> <p>It would appear to be an unduly restrictive requirement. Our view is that there does not seem to be an objective justification to require a minimum age rather than assessing on a case-by case basis.</p> <p>We agree with the comments in the consultation that: "An airline association stated that it is the cabin crew and not the safety assistant who are responsible for the passenger. Thus, the age of 16 years for the safety assistant is realistic but it is not adequate to give him/her responsibility regarding the SCP he/she is travelling with. The ability to assist depends on various factors other than age, such as mental and physical capability."</p>	