

Melissa Beben is a Human Factors Research Specialist within the Cabin Safety Research Team (AAM-632) at the FAA's Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI). She has a B.S. with a double major in Psychology and Human Ecology and a M.S. in Psychology. As part of a team of researchers, she conducts research studies and tests pertaining to the emergency evacuation of aircraft, onboard aircraft emergency equipment and its effectiveness, the effectiveness of cabin aircrew training, passenger education, water evacuations and survival, and post-crash survival. She helps identify and develop equipment and techniques designed to minimize physiological and psychological insult to humans during and after aircraft accidents, incidents and related emergency aircraft evacuations. Melissa is also a member and the chairperson of SAE's S-9 Cabin Safety Provisions Committee.

.