

# Plane Crash Deaths More Than Double in Russia – Aviation Authorities

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More than twice as many people have died in Russian plane crashes last year than in 2017, a top interregional aviation safety organization has said.

Aviation safety has come [under scrutiny](#) after a spate of air accidents in Russia in 2018, including a deadly collision outside Moscow in February 2018 that killed 71 people.

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A total of 128 people died in 42 plane crashes and accidents that occurred in Russia in 2018, the Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC) [said](#) in a report published on Wednesday.

In 2017, 51 people [died](#) in 39 accidents.

Three-quarters of all accidents in 2018 were blamed on human error.

The IAC previously [named](#) 2016 as a record-setting year with 63 accidents in Russia and 11 other post-Soviet countries.

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