

Allowing a F/A to step off the A/C to use the jet bridge phone , would greatly increase efficiency and communication and in no way adversely impact safety. The F/A would be close enough to the boarding door to still monitor the status of the flight and be available to expedite an evacuation if necessary. By having to interrupt the pilot's checklist in order to have the pilot communicate with Operations or the gate, takes away from the safety of flight. There have been many instances where pilots have had to restart their checklist due to interruptions 3 or 4 times. We are requesting the FAA to change the rule and allow F/A to step off the A/C to use the jetbridge phone. Problems that can be resolved quickly by allowing the f/As to communicate could prevent further safety issues once airborne.