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TOO CLOSE ENCOUNTERS





ON THE RISE

Airprox numbers are up, so here are a few pointers to make sure yours isn't...

It's a troubling thought, but in 2019 (the last full flying year before the various lockdowns) GA pilots were for the first time more likely to encounter an airprox within a GA aircraft than in a military aircraft and, worryingly, the general aviation risk trend is steadily increasing.

So, getting a bit statto about it, here's a few numbers from the UK Airprox Board (UKAB) which examines the reported incidents: In 2019 there were 328 airproxes filed, 203 of which

were manned aircraft-aircraft incidents, and these were only the reported ones. In the previous five years the numbers were 180 in 2018, 159 (2017), 171 (2016), 177 (2015) and 215 (2014).

While some of the increase could be down to a rise in reporting, there's an increased likelihood of a collision risk in some areas so it's worth looking at where they are and what you can do to help keep yourself and your passengers safe.