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This is your captain sleeping

TWO pilots have fallen asleep while in charge of passenger planes thousands of feet in the air, a Sun probe has found.

Both men — working for UK airlines — were left alone in the cockpit when co-pilots left the flight deck.

The Civil Aviation Authority refused to name the airlines, claiming it would breach confidentiality.

*But the British Airlines Pilots Association said the problem is common. It revealed 43 per cent of members polled admitted sleeping in the cockpit — and a third woke to find the **OTHER** pilot asleep.*

In one of the incidents uncovered after a Freedom of Information request by The Sun, the captain left to use the toilet. He then tried to call his first officer on a radio link but got no reply. The captain used a code to get back in the cockpit and found the pilot “slumped over the controls”.

Another pilot also found himself unable to get back in the cockpit and used the entry code. His first officer had to be shaken awake.

A third pilot also fell asleep — while his plane was on the ground.

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Three scarezzz

- CAPTAIN leaves cockpit and returns to find first officer “slumped over controls”.
- PILOT goes back to flight deck after break to find co-pilot snoozing. Is shaken awake.
- CAPTAIN found asleep while plane is on the ground.

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