

SAFETY ALERT

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Subject: **Safety Around Aircraft**

Area of Concern: **Airside Operations - CIRCLE of SAFETY**

Be Aware Whenever Driving Near Aircraft



Recent reported airside driving incidents have highlighted that some drivers are not following correct procedures and/or paying attention to what is happening around them when driving on the airside and on some occasions infringing on other operators working area and the safety distances around aircraft.

The airside is a complex and busy environment. When working and driving on the apron area all operators must be aware of the activities that are going on around them. This includes the activities of other airport operators, such as refuelling and catering vehicles, baggage trolleys and other GSE moving about the apron, passengers & other pedestrians; and aircraft.

Remember, whenever you are operating on the apron you:

- MUST **GIVE WAY** to all aircraft
- **MUST NOT use** the **APRON** as a **SHORT CUT**
- MUST **GIVE WAY** to **PASSENGERS**
- MUST maintain **safety distances** and **slow down** when driving around aircraft
- MUST follow company procedures whenever approaching an aircraft – **CIRCLE OF SAFETY**

Breaches of Airside Driving Rules when working around aircraft are treated as a serious infringement and could result in suspension of your ADA.

Visit the AAGSC website <http://www.aagsc.org/rips.htm> for more information on recommended industry practices including, *Working around Aircraft Refuelling, Circle of Safety and Passenger Safety on the Apron.*

