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Welcome to your monthly update from the **Airside Safety Improvement Team** 

## Winter Airside Safety Week: Thank you for being there!



Between the 6th and the 10th of November, Airside Safety Week took place in four different locations across airside, offering a great opportunity to promote safety in a fun and engaging way.

A big thank you to all companies that contributed to make this event so special and to every person who dropped by. Our safety messages reached over 1,500 Team Heathrow colleagues who came along to get tips, advice and share learnings on safety and wellbeing.







We are looking forward to welcoming you again in May for our summer event!

# Vehicle Pre-use Inspection

During the Winter Airside Safety Week, nearly 300 Team Heathrow colleagues took part in the exercise to find the 16 faults with an EBT towing one dolly and one Wessex which were loaded with a ULD and bags respectively.

On average, only six faults were found. The faults that were least found were bald tyre, door lock, ULD badly loaded, no bin card, no bin number, bags standing on wheels in the Wessex, and FOD in the Wessex.

Before driving airside, please always ensure you perform a careful inspection of your vehicle and promptly report any faults found. Any defective equipment must be red tagged to prevent someone else from getting injured.



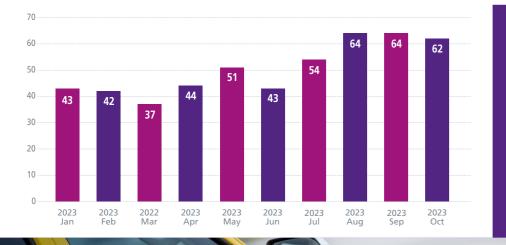
### Check your vehicle

- Check vehicle lights are working
- Check tyre tread depth and that there are no bulges
- or cracks in the tyres Ensure that obstruction light is working
- Check for damage to the vehicle
- Check the vehicle apron pass is valid

 Ensure you report any defected vehicles to your company.



- Inspect dollies
- Inspect ULD velcro restraint system
- Carry out visual and tactile checks to ensure locks are fully engaged
- Wessex trailers safety nets must always be fully raised.



## **RTC data**

The graph shows the amount of road traffic collisions that have taken place on the airfield in the year to date. There have been 504 road traffic collisions, so far this year. Most of these collisions have taken place on stands & the road network.

## **RTC Trends for the month of October:**

## Vehicle to vehicle collisions on stand or inter-stand clearways

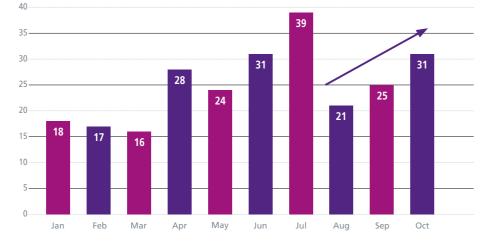
21 out of 62 RTCs were vehicle to vehicle collisions on stand or inter-stand clearways. Please ensure you are extra vigilant when manoeuvring on stands, especially when turnarounds are taking place and stands become congested. Ask for help from a banksman or a member of your team before manoeuvring in or out of stands. Consider the size and height of your vehicle when you drive airside.

## **Bollards and reversing**

11 out of 62 RTCs happened whereby bollards were hit. Bollards are in place to protect the infrastructure across the airfield network. Please make sure you have enough space to manoeuvre safely and pay attention to your surroundings, especially when reversing. Please ask for help from a banksman when necessary.

## **Dropped loads** stats

We have noticed an increase in dropped load occurrences in October, with a total of 31 events recorded across ramp and baggage areas, against 19 events occurred in August and 25 in September. The majority of these incidents involved ULDs being inadequately secured and falling from dollies while in motion. Please, remember it's the driver's responsibility to ensure ULDs are fully secured before moving off.



## **AOT** information

There has been an increase of AOTs issued for speeding between +3 to 7mph and failure to comply with road signs and markings.

AOT safety observations	Aug	S
Incorrect parking	57	8
Speeding between +3 to 7mph	10	
Speeding between +8 to 14mph	4	
Failure to comply with road signs and markings	8	
Failure to wear a seatbelt as a driver	7	
Failure to wear a seatbelt as a passenger	2	
Blocking escape routes / assembly points	3	

## **Safety Six Focus - FOD**

### What is FOD?

Foreign Object Debris, abbreviated to FOD, is a potential source of catastrophic damage to aircraft - particularly engines. FOD can also be a tripping or slipping hazard resulting in injury to personnel and passengers.

### What is your responsibility?

It is everyone's responsibility to maintain a FOD-free environment. You must dispose any FOD items in the appropriate green bin, located at the head of stand. FOD checks must be conducted on stand prior to the arrival of the aircraft and after the aircraft has pushed back. Any FOD too big to handle or seen in an area you are not able to access must be reported to the Airside Operations on 020 8745 6024.

FOD display created by Lewis Cornwell, Safety and Quality Co-ordinator for Cobalt Ground Solutions, who has been advocating for a FOD ree environment at Heathrow over the years)



ер	Oct
30	44
6	16
3	0
3	9
2	8
6	4
4	1

## Speeding between +3 to 7mph:

Always respect the speed limits, we have an ANPR system in place and frequently use speed laser cameras around the road network.

## Failure to comply with road signs and markings:

Ensure you do not enter any no entry areas, you do not overtake where double white lines are present, and you pay attention to the barriers at CP16 for taxiway Mike, being made Code F.

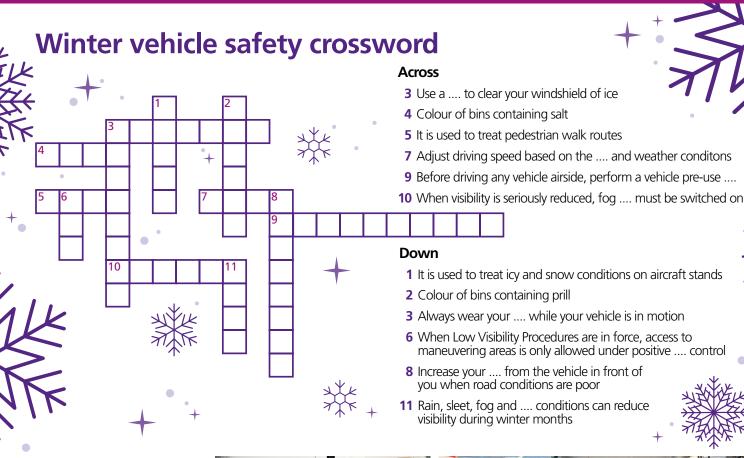
## Did you know?

At Heathrow, we have FOD radars and FOD nets to safeguard our runways, and our Airside Operations Team is always on the lookout for FOD on the taxiways and runway.

### Any examples of FOD?

Items of FOD most frequently found on the airside areas are plastic bags, empty oil cans, used security tags, drink cans or bottles, food, nuts and bolts, tools, baggage tags and abandoned equipment.





## HOSMU Units

### As we are approaching the winter months, we will be expecting icy and snowy conditions.



Please ensure you clear aircraft stands and equipment using prill available in the yellow bins at the head of each stand. Self-help snow and ice clearance equipment, such as a snow shovels, buckets, or a rolling snow shovel with wheels, as well as hopper dispensing prilled de-icer, are available in the HOSMU unit cabinets located at the head of at least every other stand, similar to those shown in the picture. For more information about the location of HOSMU units, please scan the QR code. Blue bins containing salt are used to clear pedestrian walk routes and are usually located by Control Posts.

If you need support to clear snow or icy conditions, please call Airside Operations on 0208 745 6024.



### How to use prilled de-icer?

Instructions on how to use snow equipment are provided on the cabinets or bins dedicated to them. However, if you need prilled de-icer (a solid de-icer that can be used on ice or snow) use a bucket and scoop, and distribute it evenly over the affected area.

## Feedback

Scan the QR code below to leave your feedback for the Airside Standard Monthly Newsletter team:



### Answers:

Across: 3. Scraper 4. blue 5. salt 7. road 9. inspection 10. Lights; Down: 1. prill 2. yellow 3. seatbelt 6. ATC 8. distance 11. snow



If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see in our newsletter please let us know **Contact Details:** Airside\_safety@heathrow.com