



## Roads, Vehicles & Equipment

### Safety Alert

#### Ramp Agent Electrocuted by Frayed Cable

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#### 1. Introduction

On 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 a ramp agent was in the process of connecting a tug to an aircraft ready to be pushed back. They had plugged the GPU power cable into the aircraft, and when positioning the tug, were feeding the cable through their hands. The cable was frayed and had exposed wiring causing them to be electrocuted. The ramp agent was transported to hospital.



#### 2. Safety Considerations

- Conduct pre-use checks of vehicles, including any wiring connected to the vehicle before using it
- Ensure GPU cables on tugs are stowed securely and cannot drag along the ground when the vehicle is in motion
- Fault any vehicles that are unserviceable to your company and do not use them, ensure they have a red tag so others' do not use them
- Report close calls and unsafe acts via your company's reporting channels and through the Airport Community App

#### Enquiries

Any questions regarding this Safety Alert should be addressed to [airside\\_safety@heathrow.com](mailto:airside_safety@heathrow.com)

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