



Roads, Vehicles & Equipment

Safety Alert

Vehicle Maintenance Airside

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this Safety Alert is to inform the airside community of a high-potential close call that took place whilst vehicle maintenance activities were being undertaken adjacent to an airside road and remind vehicle maintenance providers of the safety precautions to take when maintaining vehicles airside. A tyre fitter was observed working unsafely whilst changing a vehicle tyre, as no protective measures were in place as they worked on the offside of a vehicle alongside a live lane of traffic.

The requirements for undertaking vehicle maintenance activities airside are listed in ASDRVE_OSI_005 Appendix A, which can be found at heathrow.com/airside.



2. Safety Requirements

- Ensure that colleagues undertaking maintenance of vehicles are aware of, and understand the contents of your company's safe working methods and Heathrow OSI ASDRVE_OSI_005 Appendix A.
- Ensure that operatives are provided with the correct PPE, protective barriers, and training to conduct maintenance activities safely.
- Ensure that maintenance activities receive adequate supervision and inspection, to ensure that safe systems of work are adhered to.
- If operatives are required to work close to, or encroach into a roadway, contact Airfield Operations on 0208 745 6024 for traffic management support.
- Report all close calls and unsafe acts and conditions using the Heathrow Community App.

Enquiries

Any questions regarding this Safety Alert should be addressed to airside_safety@heathrow.com

Additional information, Operational Safety Instructions (OSIs) and Operational Advice Notices (OANs) can be found at heathrow.com/airside/useful-publications

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