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Safety Alert

Motorised Aircraft Steps Fire Incident

1. Introduction

The purpose of this Safety Alert is to highlight a smoke and fire incident that occurred on 24th June involving a set of motorised aircraft steps that caught fire on a stand whilst engaged with an aircraft. No passengers were aboard the aircraft at the time of the incident.

After engaging with the aircraft, smoke began to form in the cab of the vehicle and all personnel utilising the steps vacated the area before flames were present. 222 was called and the Airport Fire & Rescue Service attended and extinguished the fire using water jets. No personal injuries were sustained to any parties involved.



At this stage, we currently do not have the findings or causes relating to how this incident occurred. An investigation is currently underway to determine the causes for this incident occurring and to mitigate any future incidents from happening.

2. Safety Considerations

- A pre-use check was conducted on this vehicle. Please ensure these are continued to be conducted on all vehicles operating on the airfield, with faults being reported via your company's process.
- All vehicles should have their engines switched off when unattended or not in use. In this instance, the engine was switched off.
- In the event you suspect a fire, smell burning or witness the presence of smoke or flames, 222 or 020 8759 1212 must be dialled and the area should be vacated immediately.

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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