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Safety Alert

Vehicles Failing to Give Way to Aircraft

1. Introduction

This Safety Alert is issued to highlight a series of recent incidents involving vehicles failing to give way to aircraft on the manoeuvring area. These events have occurred during aircraft taxiing, parking on stand, and pushback operations.

A key area of concern is the use of uncontrolled crossings, where aircraft movements are being obstructed by vehicles entering the crossing without due attention—particularly during aircraft pushbacks.

2. Action Required

- Assess the necessity of using uncontrolled crossings. Where possible, use alternative routes to avoid crossing active aircraft movement areas.
- Before entering an uncontrolled crossing, ensure no aircraft are taxiing nearby. Pay close attention to adjacent stands for signs of aircraft preparing to push back.
- Watch for flashing aircraft anti-collision lights, which indicate that the aircraft is moving or about to move.
- Look out for wing walkers positioned on either side of the aircraft, as they signal that a pushback operation is imminent.

Any questions regarding this Safety Alert should be addressed to AirsideInvestigations@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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