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Safety Alert

Safe manoeuvring and parking

1. Introduction

This Safety Alert has been issued following 34 separate incidents in the last two months where drivers have been involved in a collision whilst reversing. All of these incidents happened on stands or the road network, not involved in an aircraft turnaround. In all of these incidents, drivers were not using a banksman and did not have either reversing cameras or 360 degree visibility.

2. Company Responsibilities

- Companies must ensure that drivers understand their responsibilities for safely manoeuvring and parking vehicles as set out in OSI005.
- Where sufficient staff are not available to provide a banksman, vehicles must be equipped with either a 360-degree camera or a reversing camera.

3. Driver Responsibilities

- Drivers must ensure that they have assessed their vehicles surrounding area before manoeuvring.
- Drivers must drive vehicles in a forward direction wherever possible. Reversing should be avoided except when manoeuvring into a parking position. Where reversing is necessary, it must be carried out under the guidance of a competent banksman who remains outside the vehicle and within the driver's line of sight, or by using a functioning reversing camera, where this control has been determined as suitable through the company's risk assessment.
- Drivers are strongly encouraged to reverse into parking positions so they can exit in a forward direction with improved visibility of the surrounding area. Before doing so, drivers must check that the manoeuvre can be completed safely without coming into conflict with colleagues, other vehicles, equipment or infrastructure.

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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