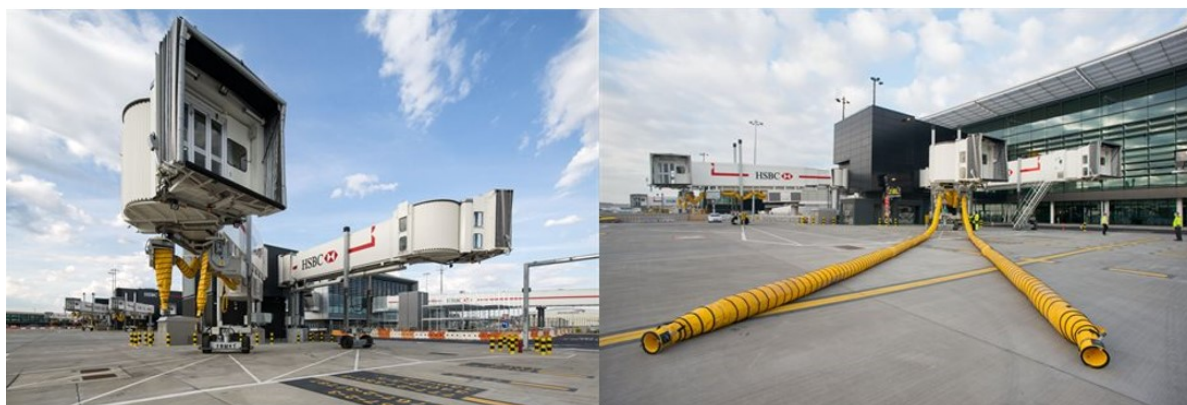




Safety Alert

Working on Airbridges without activation of Airside Works Permit



Background

During the previous six months, there have been six incidents recorded of works/maintenance being conducted on airbridges without activation of the relevant Airside Works Permit.

This poses a serious safety risk to personnel and aircraft. It also causes disruption to the operation when aircraft are unable to park on their allocated stand.

Correct Procedure

Prior to any work, which is defined as any activity which involves moving the airbridge outside of its designated area, the relevant Airside Works Permit **must** be activated.

Note: Extension of Pre-Conditioned Air (PCA) hoses across the stand is included in the definition of work.

The Airside Safety Department (ASD) are the only department which can activate the Airside Works Permit and are contactable on 0208 745 1768 (24 hr). ASD will close the stand upon activation of the Airside Works Permit.





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Note: The Aircraft Operations Unit (AOU) previously known as the Stand Allocation Unit (SAU) are **not able** to activate Airside Works Permits.

The contractor or engineering team should place three cones on the double white lines at the rear of the stand to prevent aircraft from entering the stand whilst it is closed. The cones must be lit with steady red lights (glims) in the hours of darkness.

Actions to be taken if process not followed

If Heathrow Engineering teams or contractors are found to be working on airbridges without the relevant Airside Works Permit activated, details are to be reported as soon as possible to:

- AfDM (Airfield Duty Manager) on 0208 745 7373 / 07771 838052

Note: An OMRA report must also be completed.

The AfDM should report the information as soon as possible to:

- ACE (Airport Control Engineer) on 0208 738 0034

Additional Information

Document

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Enquiries

Any questions regarding this Safety Alert should be addressed via email to the Airfield Duty Manager (AfDM) at airfield_duty_manager@heathrow.com

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