



Roads, Vehicles & Equipment

Safety Alert

Failure to Give Way to Aircraft

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this Safety Alert is to highlight several recent events where vehicles have failed to give way to aircraft on the manoeuvring area, notably those vacating the runway. One incident involved a vehicle on Bravo South infringing a vacating A320 and a second incident involved a vehicle stopped adjacent to a runway exit, causing a vacating aircraft behind them to come to a stop. An aircraft on approach was then required to abort its landing.

2. Safety Considerations

- Does your journey require you to be on the manoeuvring area? Consider making greater use of the airside road network, especially during busier periods of aircraft ground movements.
- Ensure your radio is switched on, operating correctly and that you are monitoring the correct frequency for the part of the manoeuvring area you are on.
- Maintain situational awareness by keeping distractions such as conversations to a minimum and continue, pay attention to radio transmissions and continually visually scan the environment.
- When driving adjacent to the runway, be mindful that aircraft may vacate at speed and that they may not yet be on the Ground frequency. Maintain a proper look-out and, if travelling with passengers, ask them to do the same.
- If you are required to complete any tasks within your vehicle, ensure you are stopped in a safe place, ideally vacating the manoeuvring area if practicable to do so. If not, keep the duration you are stopped to a minimum and maintain a constant look-out.

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](https://www.heathrow.com/airside/useful-publications)

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