

Gatwick Airport Directive

Title: Security of Tools and Knives whilst Airside		Ref No: GAD/F:29/18
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<p>It is the responsibility of all employers to ensure the relevant Airport Notice is brought to the attention of their staff. However individuals remain responsible for their own actions and those who are in any doubt should consult their supervisor or manager.</p>		
Introduction:		
<p>This notice is to remind all persons responsible for aircraft maintenance, general maintenance or responsible for maintenance/project contractors, about the importance of securing tools and other equipment that could be deemed a security risk in airside areas.</p>		
Programme:		
<p>Effective immediately.</p>		
Operational Impacts:		
<p>Department for Transport Direction states:</p> <p>"that no prohibited article is taken into a Critical Part (CP) or onto an aircraft, unless:</p> <p>such articles are in the possession of a person who requires them to undertake tasks that are essential to the operation of airport facilities or the aircraft to which passengers and flight crew have no access at any time. Where a person routinely needs to be in possession of such articles in the Critical Part, the aerodrome manager or aircraft operator as appropriate shall ensure that such articles are retained within the Critical Part in secure conditions whenever the person no longer needs to be in possession of them for the purposes of this article, but who further expects to undertake tasks requiring such articles. Articles shall be secured and accounted for by a person specifically appointed for the task by the aerodrome manager or aircraft operator as appropriate."</p> <p>Securing knives and tools airside</p> <p>Authorisations for carrying prohibited article should reflect the person's tasks. For example, an electrician may need to carry workman's tools but not a carving knife. Tools must be stored in secure conditions when not in use and the article is appropriate to the person carrying them. Persons carrying or using Leatherman's, pocket knives or other "tools of the trade" airside should only do so with the full consent of their company manager, therefore a tools of the trade pass is required when transporting tools into the Critical Part. To be issued with a tools of the trade pass please complete the change of pass details application form on Mtrust and select T Pass, submit to the ID Centre for processing.</p> <p>Leatherman's/knives must not be carried through security posts into the Critical Part unless absolutely necessary as part of the carrier's duties. If the person is using a toolbox then any Leatherman's/knives should be carried in the toolbox rather than on their person.</p> <p>Toolboxes or Leatherman's/knives should be left airside in a secured area whenever possible rather than carried through security posts. Persons found in possession of a Leatherman or other knife at a security search area may have the item confiscated if it is felt that the item should remain airside in secure conditions rather than being brought landside unnecessarily.</p> <p>Items such as Leatherman's, knives, cutting implements, chisels, screwdrivers or other similar types of tools must not be accessible to members of the public at any time. Toolboxes and other containers of tools should be secured when not in use.</p> <p>Any items, such as toolboxes found unsecured will be treated the same as an unattended item and could be removed and destroyed. In certain circumstances a police officer may be called if the item is suspected to be unlawful or its reason for carriage unlawful (e.g. lock knives which are an offence to possess in public without reasonable excuse).</p>		
Further Information:		
<p>Signatory</p> <p>Damien Trower</p> <p><u>for and on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer of Gatwick Airport Limited</u></p>		
Consultation:		
<p>Has consultation on this Directive taken place? Yes - Consultation record held by author</p>		
Distribution:		
<p>FULL</p>		