

Gatwick Airport Directive

Title: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Airside		Ref No: GAD/F:18/16
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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 GAD aims to provide clarity around the standard of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to be used within airside areas. The movement of aircraft, vehicles and equipment presents a significant risk to people in all airside areas. Gatwick Airport Limited (GAL), airlines, ground handlers and service providers have the responsibility to implement clear safety management plans that identify risks and provide appropriate control of hazards during airside operations.</p> <p>Some of the significant hazards arising from operating airside include being in close proximity to moving vehicles and aircraft, exposure to loud noise and manual handling. Part of a safe system of work for these hazards includes provision and use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Further information on the legal requirements can be found in the PPE regulations on the HSE website: http://www.hse.gov.uk</p>		
Programme:		
The requirements of this directive come into force 11th November 2016		
Operational Impacts:		
<p>Apron A defined area on a land aerodrome provided for the stationing of aircraft for the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers, the loading and unloading of cargo, fueling and for parking.</p> <p>Active stand Aircraft on a turnaround or on-stand as depicted on the attachment illustration (Fig.1)</p> <p>Inactive stand A stand which is out of service for reasons of maintenance, major refurbishment or serviceability</p> <p>Service Operative An individual or company providing a service to the aircraft or as part of the active turnaround process including and not limited to , GAL operations, ground handling agents, cleaners, waste/water, fueller employees and aircraft engineers servicing aircraft on an active stand.</p> <p>Non Service Operative Any individual attending an active or inactive stand in a supervisory capacity, attending the aircraft but not directly involved with the servicing of the aircraft.</p> <p>POLICY GAL requires the mandatory wearing of specified PPE as detailed below (a,b and c) by all Service Operatives / Non Service Operatives engaged in working on the Apron.</p> <p>a). High Viz tabards/jackets must be worn fully fastened and are mandatory for ALL staff Airside on the Apron</p> <p>b). Safety footwear must be worn to a minimum standard of kevlar toe protection with non-slip soles as mandatory for ALL staff working on the Apron.</p> <p>c). Ear protection must be worn by ALL staff where noise levels exceed 85db (A) Additional protection may need to be worn for specific tasks which will be identified by the operatives employer as part of a task risk assessment (see Additional / Specialist Protection)</p> <p>Exceptions for Apron and Active Stand NB. Whilst the responsibility for the risk assessments rests with the employer, the following exemptions are permitted, the Marshalling of non PPE wearing individuals in these areas is strongly recommended</p> <p>Hi Visibility Tabards / Jackets may not be worn in the following situations;</p> <p>a). Flight crew, cabin crew using the shortest designated walkway routes between crew report facilities, coach / buses, terminal and aircraft, Marshalling of non PPE wearing individuals in these areas is strongly recommended;</p> <p>b). Emergency responders</p> <p>Safety Footwear may not be worn in the following situations;</p> <p>a). Flight crew, cabin crew using the shortest designated walkway routes between crew report facilities, coach / buses, terminal and aircraft;</p> <p>b). Customer Service Staff (including PRM operatives) who are supervising cutomers embarking / disembarking using the shortest designated walking routes between the aircraft and terminal or coach / bus;</p> <p>c). Flight Crew conducting a pre departure aircraft walk round check;</p> <p>d). Non Service Operatives attending in a supervisory role as long as they remain on a designated walkway;</p> <p>e). Emergency responders</p> <p>Note: Marshalling of non PPE wearing individuals in these areas is strongly recommended.</p> <p>Exemptions for Apron and Inactive Stands</p> <p>a). The provision of PPE on an inactive stand rests with the employers risk assessments to ensure there is no risk of potential injury, e.g. during air bridge maintenance;</p> <p>b). Emergency responders</p> <p>Additional / Specialist Protection It is the employers responsibility to complete a risk assessment for ALL tasks performed by their employees and contractors within the airside environment and consideration should be given to wether the employee requires additional PPE including head, hand and eye protection. Specialist tasks such as the use of hydraulic access platforms, working at height, construction, engineering works and entry into confined spaces will require the issue and wearing of specialised PPE which may fall outside of the scope of this directive.</p>		

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Has consultation on this Directive taken place? Yes - Consultation record held by author

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