

OPERATIONS ALERT

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Subject: **Situational Awareness**

Area of Concern: **Driving around aircraft**

Aircraft have right of way

Operators authorised to drive vehicles airside must give way to all aircraft. Moving aircraft (including aircraft under tow) always have priority over vehicles and other ground traffic.

Do not approach or pass behind an aircraft while the anti-collision beacons are operating.

Aircraft anti-collision beacons

The anti-collision beacons are the red flashing lights fitted on either the top and/or bottom of the aircraft fuselage. Some smaller aircraft may only have one anti-collision beacon.

An activated anti-collision beacon is a signal to keep clear of the bay and to give way to the aircraft as it is about to:

- Start up or has its engines running
- Pushback or be towed

Always ensure you maintain sight of the beacon as you approach the aircraft and look for other signs that the aircraft is preparing to move.

Other signals indicating the activation of the anti-collision beacon and imminent aircraft movement may include:

- Closed aircraft cargo and passenger doors
- No vehicles servicing or loading the aircraft
- A pushback tug or power unit is attached to the aircraft
- The aerobridge is retracted or stairs are clear of the aircraft
- The wheel chocks have been removed
- An engineer is positioned at the front of the aircraft awaiting pushback clearance

If you are unsure if an aircraft is about to move, STOP and WAIT, or take another route.

Please report any incidents immediately to a Townsville Airport Pty Ltd
Aerodrome Reporting Officer ('Safety One') on 0418 771 999.

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Townsville Airport Pty Ltd remind all airside operators to adhere to the **Circle of Safety** around aircraft.



The requirements for airside vehicle operations at Townsville Airport are set out in the Airside Vehicle Control Handbook (AVCH), issued in accordance with the *Civil Aviation Safety regulations 1998* and the *Airport (Control of On-Airport Activities) Regulations 1997*. You can obtain a copy of the current AVCH by visiting the Townsville Airport website at

<http://www.townsvilleairport.com.au/regulatory/compliance-and-safety/>