



AIRSIDE SAFETY ALERT

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Subject	STAND ACCESS DURING AIRCRAFT DE-ICING		

An Airside Safety Alert (ASA) will be issued to communicate immediate safety concerns relating to operations, equipment or environment, and to highlight negative safety trends. It is the responsibility of all employers to ensure that relevant ASAs are brought to the attention of their staff.

1. OBJECTIVE

To advise ground handling colleagues and persons with airside access, of the restrictions on accessing an aircraft stand, whilst aircraft de-icing is in progress. To alert airside colleagues of a de-icing incident that occurred on stand 5 on 25th January 2021.

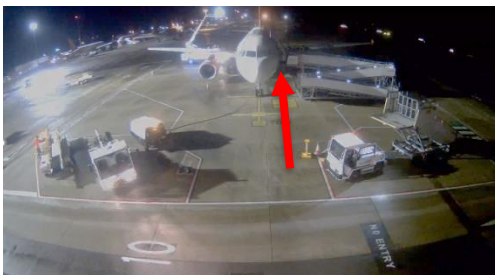
2. SCOPE

This instruction is relevant to all ground handling and aircraft servicing teams working airside.

3. INFORMATION

easyJet A319 departing to Edinburgh was de-iced on stand 5 at approximately 0600L on 25th January 2021. All aircraft doors and hatches were closed and no other servicing activities were taking place, when de-icing commenced. Whilst the aircraft was being de-iced (with the de-icing crew operating out of sight on the starboard side), a ground handling agent opened the forward passenger door and the airline crew boarded the aircraft. The aircraft Captain then walked back out of the door and was covered by de-icing fluid. The de-icing crew were unaware that the door had been opened or that crew were in or around the aircraft.

Similar incidents have been reported at Bristol and across the industry in recent years.



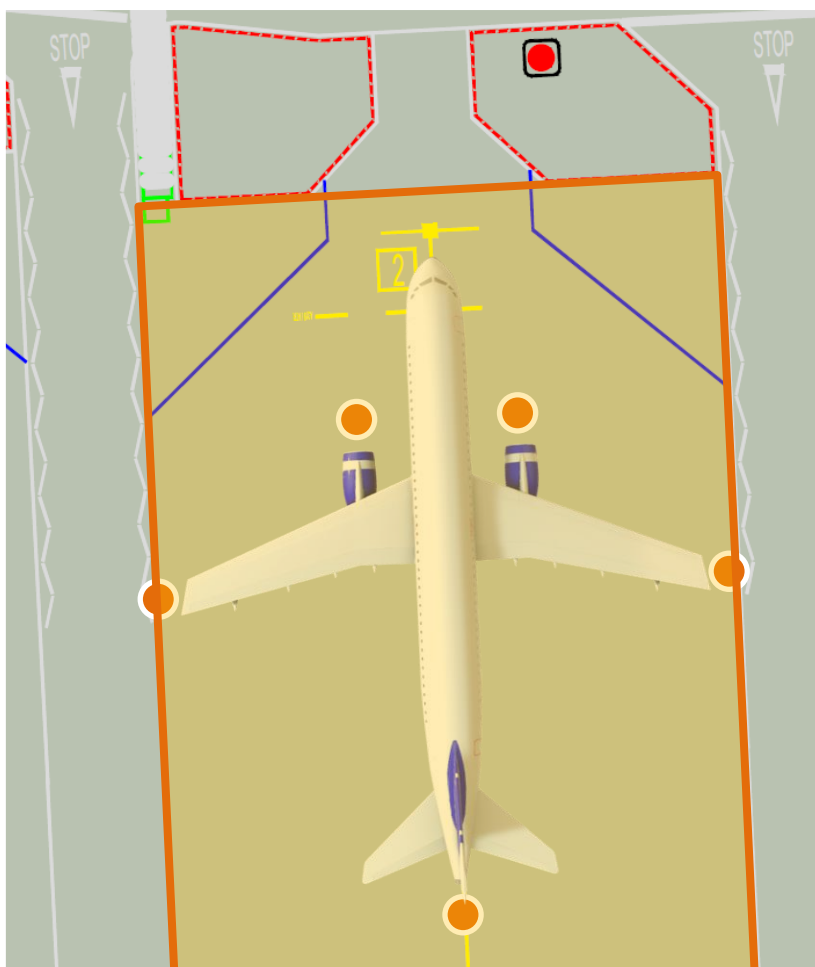
Door opened by Ground Agent



Pilot sprayed with de-icing fluid

4. INSTRUCTIONS

- Whilst aircraft anti-icing or de-icing is in progress, no persons or vehicles shall enter the aircraft footprint (shown below) without authorisation from the de-icing coordinator.
- Aircraft doors must not be open whilst aircraft anti-icing or de-icing is in progress, unless this has been agreed between the de-icing coordinator and the Pilot-in-Command, in advance.
- Passenger steps or aviramp, and all other GSE, should be removed from the aircraft prior to anti-icing or de-icing, so that they do not become contaminated with de-icing fluid.



Area not to be entered without authorisation, whilst anti-icing or de-icing is in progress

5. GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Any enquiries or safety/near miss reports should be submitted to **Airside Operations** on **01275 473705** or **07712 792235**.