



OPERATIONAL SAFETY INSTRUCTION

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Wildlife Hazards and Reporting of Wildlife Strikes

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It is the responsibility of all employers to ensure that relevant OSIs are 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.

1. INTRODUCTION

Wildlife strikes can cause very serious damage to aircraft and have a variety of secondary effects, such as flight delays, runway closure and reputational damage. The risk of a wildlife strike is especially critical during the departure and arrival phases of flight, it is therefore important that all possible efforts are made to minimise the risk of a strike occurring.

To enable airside operations to monitor our performance and specific species of concern, it is also important that we are informed of all wildlife strikes.

2. WILDLIFE HAZARD MANAGEMENT

The airside operations department use a variety of control measures to reduce the risks associated with wildlife/bird activity on and in the vicinity of the aerodrome. This includes active control on the aerodrome from an operations vehicle, maintenance of airfield habitat (grass cutting), and monitoring of off-airport attractants such as farmland, waste facilities and lakes/reservoirs.

All airside users and flight crews have a responsibility to report wildlife/bird strikes to Bristol airside operations (see section 4).

All airside users have a responsibility to minimise the wildlife hazard where practicable, including disposing of waste products and/or food sources correctly (see section 3).

The responsibility of airside users and flight crews extends to reporting wildlife hazards to Bristol airside operations (see section 5).

3. CONTROL OF WASTE

Food items must be properly disposed of and not left out in the open. Such items will act as a wildlife attractant and could also become Foreign Object Debris (FOD).

Sources of food, such as waste bins and skips, are required to be covered and/or have lids that exclude birds and other wildlife.

Airport staff are reminded that birds and other wildlife must not be fed intentionally.

Patrols by airside operations will include the monitoring of works sites, waste disposal areas and known areas of potential food sources.

4. REPORTING OF WILDLIFE STRIKES

EASA regulation EU376 states that occurrences which may represent a significant risk to aviation safety must be reported through the mandatory occurrence reporting system. This includes wildlife strikes.

4.1. Reporting Procedure

In order to improve the data held on bird strikes, and to provide those who discover such incidents with a clear process, the following reporting procedure should be followed.

1. Upon discovering evidence of a strike, Bristol airside operations should be contacted on extension 3705 or mobile 07712 792235, providing the following information:
 - a. Reporter's company
 - b. Location (stand number if applicable)
 - c. Airline/aircraft operator
 - d. Aircraft type and registration
 - e. Location of strike on aircraft e.g. fuselage, wing, engine
 - f. Contact name and number.
2. Flight crews identifying wildlife/bird remains on reaching a stand should notify their handling agent or ATC who will relay a message to airside operations.
3. The wildlife/bird remains must not be removed or cleaned until airside operations have attended and given permission to do so.
4. An airside operations team member will visit the aircraft involved, record details of the incident and take a sample of wildlife/bird remains for identification, if necessary.

5. REPORTING OF WILDLIFE ACTIVITY

If wildlife activity is observed on or near the airfield which is thought to be an immediate hazard to aircraft, it should be reported to Bristol airside operations without delay on extension 3705 or mobile 07712 792235 (flight crew reports will be relayed to airside operations via ATC). The reporter should provide information on the location of wildlife activity, the species if known and a description of the activity.

6. GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Any enquiries should be addressed to Airside Operations on **01275 473705** or **07712 792235**.