



OPERATIONAL SAFETY INSTRUCTION

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Seatbelt Policy

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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

This instruction is to advise airside drivers and their passengers that the wearing of seatbelts in airside areas is mandatory.

2. INSTRUCTION

It is mandatory that all drivers and passengers wear seatbelts when travelling in a vehicle airside. The following exemptions apply:

- Operating a vehicle at low speeds within the confines of the stand footprint.
- A person holding a valid medical exemption certificate.
- A journey not exceeding approximately 50 metres and where speed remain low e.g. moving a baggage conveyor from a stand to a nearby parking area.
- A person driving or riding in a vehicle being used for fire and rescue purposes.
- A person driving or riding in a vehicle for police purposes.
- A person in an ambulance attending to an ill or injured passenger, including the ill or injured passenger themselves.
- The driver or passenger of a vehicle if a seat belt is not provided for that person.
- A person riding in a small or large bus which is being used to provide a local service airside.
- A person riding in a small or large bus which is constructed or adapted for the carriage of standing passengers.

Failure to comply with this OSI may result in action being taken as detailed in BRS-OSI-SMS-001 Airside Safety Standards Scheme.

3. WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Despite a rigorous airside driving training programme and vehicle familiarisation, ground vehicle collisions can and do happen at airports, including Bristol. The photo below is of a vehicle collision that occurred in January 2020, involving an electric baggage tug (EBT) and an engineering van.

The impact of the EBT forced the van off of the ground on one side and on to two wheels. Had the speed been greater, the momentum could have thrown the drivers from the cab causing serious injury.



4. GENERAL ENQUIRIES

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