

# SHIFT BRIEFING

## SAFE AIRSIDE DRIVING

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Safe airside driving requires that drivers are aware of conditions and focused on safe behaviours. These include:

- Observing speed limits (see chart below)
- Don't drive under jet bridges
- Give way to aircraft including aircraft under tow, marshalling crew, emergency vehicles, maintenance vehicles such as snow clearing equipment
- Ensure your vehicle comes to a full stop at stop signs and look all ways for potential crossing aircraft
- Avoid distractions

### Speed Limits

Unless otherwise posted, observe the following speed limits.

Location	Speed Limit	Speed Limit During Low Visibility Operations
Airside service roads	50 km/h	25 km/h
Infield Tunnel	50 km/h	25 km/h
Within vehicle corridors	40 km/h	20 km/h
Head of Stand Road	20 km/h	10 km/h
General Aviation North Area Apron/ Outside vehicle corridors (open apron)	25 km/h	12 km/h
Within 6m of a parked aircraft/congested areas	10 km/h	5 km/h
Terminal service roads	10 km/h	10 km/h

Drive at reduced speeds during adverse weather conditions.

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## REVERSING THE RISKS OF BACKING WHILE DRIVING

- Avoid backing – When parking, try to leave your vehicle in a way that enables you to pull out from the front
- Circle check – Do a quick walkaround of your vehicle and look for obstacles or obstructions
- Look back – Always check your rear and side view mirrors before putting the vehicle in reverse
- Back slowly – Take your time when reversing so you can stop easily if needed
- Use a guide – If backing a large vehicle or in a tight spot, have a colleague direct you from outside the vehicle
- Avoid distractions – Keep the radio down and ask other passengers to hold their conversations until the vehicle is safely backed up
- Practice these steps – Backing a vehicle in a busy airside environment can be tough; take some time to practice backing in a quiet parking lot

When operating a vehicle with obstructed rear views, it's crucial to avoid backing up near aircraft, vehicles, or pedestrians whenever possible. Vehicles with limited rear visibility should have either:

- A camera-supported system that displays a full view of obstacles, or
- A guide person to assist with backing up.

If neither of these options are available, the driver should physically inspect the surroundings to ensure the area behind the vehicle is clear before slowly backing up.

## BE CAUTIOUS OF AIRCRAFT PARKED AT A GATE

There are nine signs that indicate that an aircraft is pushing back from the gate. Check for all nine of these signs before driving past an aircraft parked at a gate.

1. Pushback vehicle connected
2. Aircraft chocks removed
3. Bridge retracted from aircraft
4. Equipment removed from aircraft
5. Aircraft doors and hatches closed
6. Aircraft anti-collision light on
7. Aircraft engines may be operating
8. Wing walkers in position
9. Marshaller in position

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## **AIRSIDE VEHICLE OPERATOR'S PERMIT (AVOP)**

Here are the top five AVOP infractions that occur and can easily be avoided:

1. Unsafe movement of vehicle
2. Failure to wear seatbelt
3. Driving 1-9 km/h above the speed limit
4. Failure to yield right of way to aircraft or marshalling crew
5. Failure to use vehicle corridor

Learn more about the [AVOP program](#).