



GO AROUNDS

A 'go around' is a safe, standard aircraft manoeuvre which simply discontinues an approach before landing. Go arounds ensure passengers and aircraft are not placed in potentially dangerous situations.

The go around procedure is adopted when an arriving aircraft on final approach aborts landing by applying take off power and climbing away from the airport. It is a set procedure to be followed by the flight crew in the event of an aircraft being unable to land. The procedure is published so that Air Traffic Control (ATC) and the pilots can anticipate where the aircraft will fly following the decision to go around.

WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR A GO AROUND?

There can be various reasons for a go-around. These include:

- On the ground a previously landed aircraft may be slow to vacate the runway, a departure may be slow to take off after receiving take off clearance or the runway may be closed for inspection by Airfield Operations personnel following a report of debris or other contamination
- In the air a pilot may report a temporary technical problem that would prevent landing or the aircraft cabin may not be prepared ready for landing
- Adverse weather conditions, such as crosswinds
- A decision by Air Traffic Control.

In the event of a go-around, if another aircraft is involved, for example, a departure has just taken off, the Air Traffic Controller must ensure that the two aircraft are safely separated. This separation is achieved by turning one of the aircraft.

In most cases the instruction to 'go around' is given to the following aircraft. This is particularly significant when the aircraft going around is faster than the departure in front, as safe separation can be rapidly eroded.

It is important to note that whilst there are set procedures for go arounds from each runway direction, aircraft can still be directed elsewhere by ATC in the interests of safety and for separation from other aircraft.

A go around may be the reason if you see or hear a plane close to the airport, where you do not usually see them.

IS A GO AROUND SAFE?

A go around is a perfectly safe procedure. It is well practised and designed to prevent a dangerous situation arising. ATC procedures allow Air Traffic Controllers to confidently predict the path to be followed by an aircraft with the minimum of further instructions and they will take into account other air traffic in the vicinity when considering the instructions to issue.

Whilst London Stansted encourages airlines operating at the airport to fly to the best possible environmental standards, safety must always have priority. Go arounds do not compromise this, so off-track sanctions against the airlines are considered inappropriate in these instances.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like further information, please contact the airport:

- Website: Make an enquiry, view an aircraft track or log a noise complaint:
www.stanstedairport.com/noise
- By e-mail: stanstednoiseline@stanstedairport.com
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