

2018 - Winter Measures & Tango Taxilane

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This notice has been issued to advise all airside operators working through periods of cold weather as to the hazards associated with winter operations.

During winter conditions East Midlands Airport (EMA) makes every effort to clear snow and ice from airside areas. However, this can be a lengthy process, particularly during periods of persistent and heavy snowfall.

It is very important that all airside workers are constantly aware that during periods of particularly cold temperatures snow and/or ice may be present and as such must remain vigilant, taking extra precautions as necessary.

SAFETY ADVICE

The following safety advice must be followed:

- Drive with extra care and at speeds that take account of the surface conditions, especially when in the immediate vicinity of passengers, other airside workers and aircraft – for example during an aircraft turn-round.
- Before transferring passengers between the terminal building, coaches and aircraft Airline Operators and Handling Agents should check for slippery surfaces, ensuring the apron surface is free of ice and snow contamination. Particular attention should be paid to painted pedestrian walkways. Under Section 7 of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 all employees have a duty to take reasonable care for the health and safety of themselves and others who may be affected by their acts or omissions at work and to cooperate with their employer and others to enable them to fulfil their legal obligations.
- Take extra care when walking, especially when carrying objects as some areas of snow and/or ice may not have been treated or may have refrozen.
- Airside Operators should brief their staff to take extra care and remain vigilant when operating airside in conditions where snow and/or ice is likely to be present.
- Airside Operators should ensure their staff are equipped with suitable footwear with non-slip soles as other soles can be particularly hazardous on icy surfaces.

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It is the responsibility of Handling Agents and Airline Operators to ensure aircraft steps (including integral aircraft steps) are clear of snow and ice contamination prior to and during use.

Any airside areas assessed to be unsafe are to be reported to the Operations Control Room on extension number 2973.

AIRCRAFT DE-ICING FLUID

Surfaces contaminated with aircraft de-icing fluid can be hazardous and slippery. Aircraft de-icing fluid is often transferred underfoot from the apron stand onto pedestrian walkways and into gate entrances. When aircraft de-icing has been undertaken, Airline Operators and Handling Agents should check for slippery surfaces before transferring passengers between the terminal, coaches and aircraft. The relevant safety advice relating to transfer of passengers (outlined above) should be undertaken.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Full details can be found in EMA Airport Operational Instruction 22 – 'Winter Operations and Snow Plan'

Additionally, during the winter period (Nov – April), Taxilane Tango and stands 4 & 5 on the central apron will be withdrawn from operational use.

Lit marker boards will delineate the closure at the intersection with Taxiway Alpha.

The taxiway restrictions will be promulgated via ATIS / Notam.

Any queries arising from the above should be directed to the Head of Fire & Airfield Operations, via: emastandingorders@eastmidlandsairport.com

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