



Operations Memorandum

To: CVG Airlines and Tenants

Subject: Safety Bulletin; Failure to Yield to Aircraft

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This Operations Memorandum serves to provide critical information regarding airfield safety.
Be sure to review the attached safety bulletin regarding the failure to yield to aircraft.

Please distribute to your staff/air crews and reach out to Airport Operations (7777@cvgairport.com) for any questions you may have.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Safety Bulletin

Failure to Yield to Aircraft

There has been a spike in ramp vehicles not yielding to aircraft on the ramp areas and Vehicle Service Roads (VSR). There have been nine (9) close calls within the last 6 months, five (5) occurring in the month of June. Aircraft pilots and push back drivers have applied brakes to avoid speeding baggage tugs and vehicles cutting in front of a taxiing aircraft or passing behind a pushback in progress.



As a reminder, and as it states in the Rules and Regulations of the Kenton County Airport Board Relating to the Operation and Control of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, **505.07 Failure to Yield to Aircraft;**

- (a) All Vehicle drivers shall yield the right of way to Aircraft. Drivers shall operate Vehicles to avoid interference with Aircraft operations and other Vehicle traffic.
- (b) No Vehicle driver shall cause an Aircraft to take evasive action due to the driver's failure to yield. Evasive actions include, but are not limited to, braking and steering to avoid a collision.
- (c) No Vehicle driver shall collide with an Aircraft due to the driver's failure to yield.

Under **505.09 Driving Within 150 Feet to the Rear of a Taxiing Aircraft,** it states that all Vehicles and motorized equipment must pass to the rear of taxiing Aircraft at a safe distance but not less than 150 feet.

505.10 Careless/Reckless Operation of Vehicle on Airport

- (a) No Person shall operate Vehicles in any area of the Airport in careless disregard for the safety of Persons or property.
- (b) No Person shall operate Vehicles in any area of the Airport in a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of Persons or property.

505.13 All State Laws Applicable to Vehicles on the Airport. The laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in regard to the operation of motor vehicles, including traffic regulation, are applicable to the operation of Vehicles on the Airport. Any Person violating any provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes shall be subject to the penalties provided therein.

Reminders of who has the Right of Way (yield to):

- Aircraft
- Emergency vehicles with activated emergency lights (Police or ARFF)
- Snow removal equipment and Sweepers
- Fuel trucks
- Airfield Maintenance Equipment

Additional Driving reminders

- A vehicle must never pass between an aircraft and a person marshalling the aircraft
- One way to tell if an aircraft is about to start its engine(s) or if the engine(s) is running is that the aircraft's flashing beacons will be on. If you see a flashing beacon, STOP.
- Additional note on aircraft beacon lights. During arrival and/or pushback, aircraft engines still may be running while at the gate. If you see the aircraft beacon flashing, avoid passing behind running engines as they produce jetblast. STOP.
- Avoid distracted driving by NOT using electronic devices while driving equipment and vehicles on the ramp areas or VSR.
- If there is any doubt, STOP. Do not proceed.
- Any violation of the policies referenced in this Safety Bulletin can lead to a ramp citation, fines and loss of your badge. See **900.00 Penalties and Enforcement** in the Rules and Regulations of the Kenton County Airport Board Relating to the Operation and Control of the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

Action Required:

Review with all employees who drive on the airfield, and post in breakrooms and office areas. A Read and Sign is highly recommended.