

Safety around Aircraft

This resource will help you with the following stages;

Stage 1 – I know how to be safe around aircraft.

Stage 2 – I know the safe way to act at an airport.

It is very important that a scout has an awareness of the dangers of an airfield and around an aircraft. This is something that will be used throughout every stage of the Air Adventure Skill Programme.

What is the safe way to act at an airport?

An airport is normally divided into two areas – Landside and Airside.

Landside includes parking lots, public transport railway stations and access roads. **Airside** includes all areas accessible to aircraft, including runways, taxiways and ramps.

Passage between landside and airside is tightly controlled at all airports. To access airside, everyone must go through Security, and if applicable, Passport Control too. This even includes staff.

If these restrictions include staff can you imagine how important it is for anyone visiting an airport to adhere to the rules.

Here are some key things to keep in mind.

- If you are a passenger boarding an aircraft, you must stay inside the designated walk zones.
- Never walk towards an aircraft engine that is running.
- Keep away from moving propellers.
- Do not tamper with any part of an aircraft.
- Never cross the ramp/apron without the permission of Air Traffic Control.



- Watch out for FOD (Foreign Object Debris). Make sure you do not drop any rubbish.
- Be aware of your surroundings when airside, there will be a lot of activity – make sure you are always seen.
- When airside, wear a hi-vis jacket.
- You will be most likely escorted when you are airside, it is really important to listen and adhere to all instructions given to you for your own safety.

