

# Safety Alert

## Aircraft Cabin Doors

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### Background

Due to recent periods of hot weather, it has been identified that a number of aircraft on stand are being left with cabins doors open without suitable steps or fall protection in place. The purpose of this Safety Alert is to remind colleagues of the requirements to protect open cabin doors to reduce the risk of falls from height.

### Requirements

Cabin doors must not be opened or closed without suitable equipment to prevent a fall being in position, and this equipment must not be removed from an open cabin door.

Door straps are not an acceptable form of equipment for preventing falls. Passenger door engineering nets are considered a safe alternative but can only be attached whilst there is additional equipment positioned to protect personnel from a fall. Where cabin doors are left open and un-protected, colleagues should inform the flight crew and/ or station manager of the airline concerned and request that the doors are closed.

Refer to Operational Safety Instruction ASGrOps\_OSI\_022 Section 3.4 for further information.

Pre-conditioned air should be used where available to cool aircraft cabins. Also refer to OAN ASGrOps\_OAN\_097 APU Usage During Extreme Temperatures

### Enquiries

Any questions regarding this Safety Alert should be addressed to the Airside Standards and Assurance Team at [airside\\_safety@heathrow.com](mailto:airside_safety@heathrow.com). Additional information can be found at [heathrow.com/airside](https://heathrow.com/airside).

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