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## Safety Alert

### Approaching Live Aircraft

#### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this Safety Alert is to highlight recent incidences of Team Heathrow colleagues approaching live aircraft and remind colleagues of the checks that should be made prior to, and when approaching an aircraft.

This Safety Alert follows several recent reported observations of colleagues approaching aircraft that still have engines running due to in-operational APUs or have approached aircraft prior to anti-collision lights being switched off.



#### 2. Safety Considerations

- After arrival, look and listen for signs of the engines switching off and spooling down. Remain away from the aircraft until the anti-collision lights have been switched off. These red flashing lights are situated under the belly of the aircraft and on top of the fuselage. (In the case of some turboprop aircraft, the anti-collision lights may be white and/ or situated at the top of the tail fin).
- On turboprop aircraft, take extra care to ensure the props have stopped rotating prior to approaching.
- If the aircraft is arriving with an inoperative APU, follow your company procedure for dealing with powering the aircraft with the engines running. Do not approach the aircraft just because you see others approaching. Do not assume it is safe to do so. Follow the direction of your ramp lead.

#### Enquiries

Any questions regarding this Safety Alert should be addressed to [airside\\_safety@heathrow.com](mailto:airside_safety@heathrow.com)

Additional information, Operational Safety Instructions (OSIs) and Operational Advice Notices (OANs) can be found at [heathrow.com/airside/useful-publications](https://www.heathrow.com/airside/useful-publications)

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