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Safety Alert

Vehicles Failing to Give Way to Aircraft - Victor Cul-De-Sac **Uncontrolled Crossing**

1. Introduction

This Safety Alert is being issued following seven incidents over the past three months where vehicles failed to give way to aircraft at the uncontrolled crossing located in the Victor cul-de-sac, mainly when travelling from East to West. These incidents resulted in aircraft movements being obstructed while taxiing to stand or during pushback.

2. Action Required

Thorough checks must be conducted **before** entering an uncontrolled crossing. These include:

- ✓ Only use the uncontrolled crossing if essential; otherwise, take an alternative route.
- **Stop** at the stop sign, visually check adjacent stands and entire Victor Cul-De-Sac for any signs of Aircraft movement.
- ✓ Look for wing-walkers (with batons/wands) positioned near the double white lines or on either side of the aircraft, which indicates that a pushback is imminent.





Confirm all of the following before crossing:

- The red anti-collision lights are not illuminated/flashing (as shown in the image to the left)
- The engines are completely spooled down
- The aircraft is not moving/chocks are in position
- There are no other vehicles on the manoeuvring area

3. Enquiries

Any questions regarding this Safety Alert should be addressed to AirsideInvestigations@heathrow.com Additional information, Operational Safety Instructions (OSIs) and Operational Advice Notices (OANs) can be found at heathrow.com/airside/useful-publications

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