

AIRSIDE SECURITY AWARENESS

The Australian Government's strengthened airside security measures apply at Australia's nine major airports - Adelaide, Brisbane, Cairns, Canberra, Darwin, Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

These measures include airside security awareness training which must be provided to staff who regularly work in the Security Restricted Area at these airports.



The Insider Threat

Terrorists have long recognised the operational value of trusted insiders, and that infiltration can provide access to useful information that could assist in attack planning without compromising their own security. Aviation workers may become involved in attack planning and execution through a variety of means, including:

- You may be co-opted by a terrorist operative;
- You may be blackmailed or coerced into facilitating an attack; or
- You may be a target without knowing it e.g. by carrying a bag into the Security Restricted Area for another person, not knowing that the bag contains a weapon.

You should be alert to anyone who takes an unusually keen interest in your job.

On 31 October 2015, Kogalymavia flight 9268, travelling from Sharm el-Sheikh to St Petersburg crashed in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, claiming the lives of all 220-people on-board. Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) claimed responsibility for bringing down the aircraft through their media wing. It is believed that an improvised explosive device had been placed in the checked baggage hold at Sharm el-Sheikh airport with the help of trusted insiders.

Your Security Obligations in the Security Restricted Area (SRA)

The SRA is a high security area and special security requirements apply to all workers entering the area.

Conditions of Entry

- Only persons who are authorised (including having a genuine need to access the area) and hold a valid red Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) can enter the SRA unescorted.
- Persons holding a Visitor Identification Card, grey ASIC or temporary aircrew card may only enter the SRA when accompanied by a red ASIC holder, who must escort the person at all times.
- It is an offence to enter the SRA without proper authorisation, such as by tailgating or circumventing designated access control points.
- Do not allow anyone to tailgate you into the SRA and challenge any person not displaying a valid ASIC, VIC or other approved valid identification.
- You will be required to comply with additional security screening measures. Screening will be applied to workers on a random and unpredictable basis. You may be screened multiple times in one day or not at all. Workers selected for screening must comply with the directions of screening officers.
- Persons who refuse to be screened are not permitted to enter or remain in the SRA. This exclusion will apply for 24 hours.

Failure to comply with the conditions of entry means you could be investigated, prosecuted and fined. You could also lose your ASIC, VIC and/or access privileges and your right to work at the airport.

Tools of Trade in the Security Restricted Area (SRA)

Screening requirements at SRA screening points are different from passenger screening points. Items on the aviation prohibited items list are allowed in the SRA (but not on an aircraft), weapons are not.

Weapons may only be brought into the SRA where they are legitimate tools of trade. Tools of trade must be monitored in the SRA at all times by the person carrying and using the item.



Example 1: Blow Torch



Example 2: Nail Gun



Example 3: Powder-Actuated Tool

Weapons are defined in the regulations under Section 9 of the Aviation Transport Security Act 2004 and Regulation 1.09.

Identifying and Reporting Airside Security Issues

Sydney Airport is responsible for the overall security of Sydney Airport and coordinates all aviation security responses on site. For aviation security matters contact the IOC on (02) 9667 9673 or emergencies on (02) 9667 9090 or 000.

Write it down

If you find yourself involved in a security incident or witness a security incident or crime, write down what has happened as soon as possible. Always keep your supervisor advised and follow your company procedures.

If you have a security concern, say something and report it. If someone approaches you with a security concern, say something and report it.

What to Do When You Suspect Suspicious Behaviour

People who work in the SRA are an important line of defence against insider attacks. Aviation workers should be alert to suspicious activity or behaviour. Reporting of suspicious activity can prevent a terrorist attack.

Suspicious behaviour and activity can take a number of forms. Aviation workers should have an awareness of behaviour or activity that is atypical for their work environment. Possible indicators may be:

- Unusual interest in security measures and routines, including over-inquisitive, unusual or persistent questions
- Making notes and sketches and taking footage or images of an area and its security measures
- Complying with security directives when challenged, but defying directives afterwards
- Avoiding uniformed security personnel and law enforcement
- Evidence of tampering or damage to security infrastructure
- No legitimate reason for being in a particular area

Aviation workers are expected to report these security matters immediately to the AFP on 131 AFP (237) or the IOC on (02) 9667 9673. Every report matters, and it helps keep Sydney Airport, passengers, visitors and you safe and secure.

Sample Test Questions

Here are samples of questions that you may be asked to correctly answer during your security awareness test relating to airside security.

- True or false?
It is okay to politely ask someone to show their ASIC or tell you why they are in the Security Restricted Area if their ASIC is not properly displayed or they seem to be out of place.
- What are the new requirements to enter the Security Restricted Area?
 - Present your valid red ASIC for inspection
 - Comply with the security screening requirements
 - Have a lawful purpose to enter the area (perform duties)
 - All of the answers are correct