

Winter Readiness 2026–27



Together for Safe Winter Operations

Winter operations at Oslo Airport are a joint effort that require good cooperation, clear communication, and a strong focus on safety.

Oslo Airport is recognized as one of the world's leading airports for winter operations. This is the result of the efforts of everyone working at the airport. To maintain this standard, it is important that we all remain aware of the challenges winter may bring and follow the applicable guidelines for safe and efficient operations.

Safety Focus in Winter Operations

Always adapt your speed to the weather, visibility, and surface conditions. Lower speed provides better control, especially on slippery surfaces and in areas with limited space.

Good housekeeping on stands and around aircraft is essential to ensure efficient snow clearing and safe operations. It is also important to maintain sufficient distance from parked aircraft so that snow removal teams have the space they need to perform their work.

This season, pushback procedures have been changed. This means that more pushback operations will be carried out as angled pushes, while straight pushbacks will be longer than before. This places increased demands on planning, execution, and situational awareness for the personnel carrying out these operations.

When pushbacks and snow clearing are taking place in the same area, it is important to wait until the snow clearing team has passed before initiating pushbacks. During towing or marshalling of aircraft, the correct stop position must always be checked to avoid incorrect positioning. Use of the correct disconnect point during pushbacks is necessary to ensure proper aircraft positioning and sufficient space for further operations.

Cooperation and Sufficient Space

At a busy airport, all parties must give each other sufficient space to carry out their tasks safely and efficiently. On days with poor visibility, challenging weather conditions, or limited space, it may be advisable to use an additional person to monitor the aircraft wings during pushback or towing.

Good coordination between all parties involved is essential to maintain safe and stable operations throughout the winter season.

Handling Slippery Conditions

If slippery conditions are detected, this must be reported to your supervisor (KO), who will contact APOC. APOC will follow up with the airside duty manager, who will dispatch the snow clearance leader to assess the friction conditions and decide on the necessary measures.

In the event of a **suspension**, an area becomes temporarily unavailable for operations until it has been inspected, and the necessary actions have been taken.

In the event of closure, the area becomes unavailable for a longer period. This includes the use of barricades and notification through NOTAM and ATIS.

GHSP Responsibilities

When friction conditions are such that operations in the area are no longer advisable, the GHSP (**Ground Handling Service Provider**) is responsible for:

- immediately notifying APOC if conditions are observed that may affect operational safety
- ensure that their operations are stopped in the affected area until it has been confirmed safe for use
- cooperating with the snow clearance leader and the airside duty manager to share information about the conditions and any operational challenges
- implementing internal measures to ensure that their personnel and equipment do not contribute to any increased risk in the affected area

This ensures comprehensive and coordinated handling of slippery conditions, with safety and efficiency as the highest priorities.

2	More than 3 mm: — STANDING WATER — SLUSH	Braking deceleration OR directional control is between medium and poor	MEDIUM TO POOR
1	— ICE	Braking deceleration is significantly reduced for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is significantly reduced	POOR
0	— WET ICE — WATER ON TOP OF COMPACTED SNOW — DRY SNOW or WET SNOW ON TOP OF ICE	Braking deceleration is minimal to non-existent for the wheel braking effort applied OR directional control is uncertain	LESS THAN POOR

Together for a Safe Winter Season

Winter operations are demanding, but they are also an opportunity to demonstrate what we can achieve together through cooperation, professionalism, and shared situational awareness. With good

communication, strong routines, and a clear focus on safety, we will continue during the 2026–27 winter season to help ensure that Oslo Airport maintains its position as one of the world’s leading airports for winter operations.

Thank you for your effort and commitment — together we make winter operations safe and efficient.