

The Importance of Following the Pushback Manual

Safety information

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1 Background

Pushback operations are a critical part of daily airport activities, and the safety of personnel, equipment, and aircraft depends on these operations being carried out correctly. To ensure safe and efficient pushback procedures, it is essential that everyone involved strictly adheres to the pushback manual. The pushback manual has been developed to provide clear guidelines and procedures that account for both operational requirements and safety standards. By following the manual, we ensure that:

- **Safety is maintained**
The manual contains specific procedures to minimize the risk of accidents, injuries, and material damage.
- **Standardization is upheld**
Consistent routines reduce the risk of errors and misunderstandings between personnel and equipment.
- **Efficiency is ensured**
Following established procedures helps avoid delays and operational disruptions.

2 Push back

Speak Up When in Doubt - If a situation arises where you are uncertain, or if conditions prevent the pushback from being carried out according to the clearance, it is important to notify the tower immediately. It is always better to pause and clarify the situation than to take unnecessary risks. The tower is there to assist, and it is completely acceptable – and expected – to request guidance or a new clearance if needed. Failure to follow the pushback manual or to notify the tower in uncertain situations can lead to serious consequences, including damage to aircraft, ground personnel, or equipment, as well as operational delays. It is therefore everyone's responsibility to familiarize themselves with and strictly follow the manual's guidelines.

Remember: Safety always comes first. If you are unsure about a procedure or encounter a deviation, stop, notify the tower, and seek guidance before proceeding. Together, we can ensure a safe and efficient workplace for everyone.



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