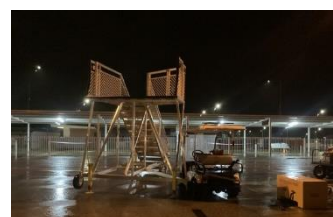


SAFETY BULLETIN

Safety Bulletin No.	2024 01	Date Issued	February 2024
Subject	SECURING GSE – STRONG WINDS		
Area of Concern	Darwin Airside		
Issued By	Mike Clancy - Airside Manager		

This **Safety Bulletin** is issued to remind operators to ensure GSE is correctly stored and secured in particular during the Monsoon and Cyclone Season when strong wind conditions can occur.

A recent incident with aircraft stairs moving around in windy conditions due to stabilisers not correctly deployed has highlighted that weather conditions can change, with little or no notice and the importance to ensure GSE is secured at all times.



Concrete tie-down blocks have been installed on some of the Air Transport Apron Bays to assist operators in securing their equipment.



When using the GSE tie-down blocks, the operator is responsible in selecting an appropriate tether/strap to secure the equipment.

Although GSE tie-down blocks are provided in some locations to assist with securing equipment, operators are responsible to ensure that equipment is correctly parked and to secure equipment, in all locations including:

- Minimise GSE stored on the apron areas i.e. if it is not in regular use it should be stored in the eastern or western designated GSE Storage areas.
- Secure baggage containers i.e. must not be stored on ground and must be secured to dollies or in container racks; pallets must be secured with straps.
- High-lift vehicles lowered and stabilizers deployed.
- **Mobile stairs, maintenance stands** and other similar equipment **must have** their **stabilizer jacks** and **park brakes deployed**; or
- In some conditions, such as, a cyclone or severe weather warning, equipment such as stairs and other mobile equipment lashed together or laid on their side or relocated to an area away from aircraft & airport infrastructure (if possible).

Schedule a safety walkaround with your team to check your GSE and plan ahead!

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THINK SAFELY, ACT SAFELY