

5DME Airside Safety Policy

This policy is provided to facilitate the safety of 5DME crew whilst on airfields. Although 5DME crew have keen airside awareness and that of the surrounding dangers the instructions from airport personnel and company crew must be followed.

1. When attending an airfield safety concerns are paramount. Discussions prior to airside visits will be made with the company/airport for any special requirements. This to be arranged by the 5DME Team Leader.
2. On attendance when photographing or interviewing safety considerations must be taken into account. When, where, safe distance, other objects of risk etc.
3. 5DME will comply with any safety instructions issued by companies or airfield personnel. This is not open to 5DME crew interpretation.

Moving Aircraft

1. If photography of moving aircraft is required prior consideration must take place as to:
 - a. The track the aircraft will follow.
 - b. Where it will stop.
 - c. Safe distances to moving parts and propellers.
 - d. Ground crew must be consulted as to our intentions.
 - e. Advisably, pilots should also be aware. Discussion with pilots prior to verify where we will be standing (at their discretion) will facilitate the safest option.

Note: It is understood that advising pilots may not be possible for arriving aircraft. In this case seek the advice of ground crews.

2. Distances to aircraft and moving component are at the discretion of ground personnel or crews of aircraft. Under no circumstances are 5DME personnel to be within 5 metres of a moving propeller. Even if such propeller is in the shutdown process and not under engine power.
3. In all cases 5DME crew will defer to operator, company or pilot instructions.

5DME Equipment & Safety

1. 5DME photographic equipment is not to be left unattended. Operator must have the equipment in sight.
2. Equipment shall not be placed in any position that presents as a safety hazard to aircraft or personnel.
3. Equipment can be seized if unattended. It might be lost permanently or at the very least take some time to be returned by authorities.