

Advisory # 2022-A-019

Subject: Restricted Area Access and Escort Requirements

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Our GTAA Security Management System has identified a trend in regulatory noncompliance incidents involving airport employees concerning the following:

- 1. restricted area access control; and
- 2. escort requirements.

This is a reminder that employees who have been issued a Restricted Area Identity Card ("RAIC") or a Security Control Pass or a Temporary Visitor's Pass may only enter the restricted areas of the aerodrome while acting in the course of their employment.

Additionally, when in the restricted areas of the aerodrome, Security Control Pass holders and Temporary Pass Holders must remain with their escort at all times. An Escort must remain with the person under escort and must maintain line of sight at all times while in the Restricted Area.

For your reference, these incidents concern the following *Canadian Aviation Security Regulations (CASRs)*:

1. Restricted Area Identity Cards – Conditions of Use

- **s. 166(1)** A person to whom a restricted area identity card has been issued must not enter or remain in a restricted area unless
 - a) they are acting in the course of their employment;
 - **b)** the card is in their possession;
 - c) the card is active; and
 - d) as applicable, they are in possession of a key that has been issued to them for the restricted area, or a combination code or personal identification code that has been assigned to them for the restricted area.

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2. Escort and Surveillance Requirements

General requirement

- **s. 179** The operator of an aerodrome must ensure that any person who is in a restricted area at the aerodrome and is not in possession of a restricted area identity card
 - **a)** is escorted by a person in possession of an active restricted area identity card that has been issued to them; or
 - **b)** is kept under surveillance by a person in possession of an active restricted area identity card that has been issued to them, in the case of an area the limits of which are defined for a specific purpose, such as construction or maintenance

Requirement to remain together

s. 181(1) – A person under escort must remain with the escort while the person is in a restricted area.

Idem

s. 181(2) – An escort must remain with the person under escort while the person is in a restricted area.

Failure to comply with the security regulatory requirements may result in the confiscation and/or suspension of access privileges.

Your cooperation in this matter is both appreciated and required.