

# Eye on safety

Toronto Pearson Safety Program eBlast

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## PAINTING THE WAY TO SAFETY The Toronto Pearson Paint Crew

As the weather starts to warm up each spring and snow and ice are finally a memory – for a while – the Airfield Paint Crew begins their season. The team of eight staff and a supervisor work through the long summer days to prepare the airfield for the busy operation ahead.

Following a few weeks of training and maintenance work on the paint machines, paint truck, shot blaster and grinders that are the tools of their trade, the team gets busy planning and applying paint markings on the apron, runways, taxiways, service roads, vehicle corridors, Central Deicing Facility, and the groundside roadways in and out of the Terminals. The Paint Crew also handles new requests that come in support of other airside projects.

Because Toronto Pearson is a 24/7 operation, serving almost 50 million annual passengers, finding time and getting access to the areas that need painting can be tricky. The crew works around the operation to paint in areas that are not scheduled for use. Planning with the Resource Management Unit allows the crew to find the time to paint at the aircraft gates. This planning allows them to work without having

any impact to airlines, runways, taxiways or busy apron areas.

To continue to innovate and keep our airport safe, the Paint Crew is using new products that are different from the existing solvent-based paint. Pre-fabricated thermoplastic markings and durable methyl methacrylate paints are being tested on walk-on gates B9 and B10. These new products can be combined with an anti-slip additive, making passenger pathways more visible and reducing the risk of slips and falls.

The Paint Crew is essential to the airport's successful operation. Keep these workers safe by:

- Maintain situational awareness of where the crew is working and the type of work they're doing
- Drive carefully around work areas to protect workers and avoid tracking wet paint
- Be aware of moving paint vehicles conducting progressive jobs
- Ground handlers can remove their equipment from the area where the Paint Crew is working



## EYE ON SAFETY AWARDS



**Congratulations to Ronald Sargent, Mo Choudhry and Gurleen Grewal from Airfield Access who were recognized by Darryl Casselman, GTAA Manager of Security Operations, for Eye on Safety Awards.**

On July 15th, the Airfield Access team noticed a vehicle driving through a perimeter gate, failing to stop. The driver avoided a guard's direction to stop and continued to Taxiway N, then attempted to get even further onto the airfield.

Ronald, Mo and Gurleen acted quickly and successfully intercepted and blocked the vehicle from accessing the taxiway and other maneuvering areas. Their quick actions kept aircraft, our passengers, and employees safe by preventing the vehicle from driving recklessly airside.

Thanks to Ronald, Mo and Gurleen for your courage and effort, and congratulations to everyone at Airfield Access. Examples like these show how everyone working at Toronto Pearson has a role in ensuring our airport is a safe place to work and travel.

To learn more about the program or to nominate a co-worker, please visit [www.torontopearson.com/eos](http://www.torontopearson.com/eos) or email [tpsp@gtaa.com](mailto:tpsp@gtaa.com).

## SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT SAFETY

### Fall Safety Summit is coming soon

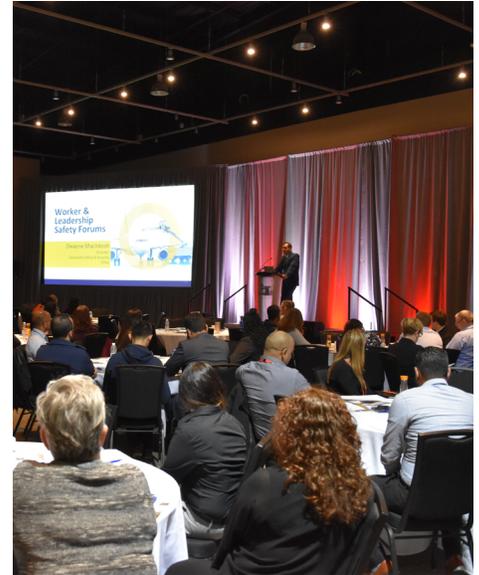
Each year, the Toronto Pearson Safety Program holds two Safety Summits – in spring and fall. These meetings give Health and Safety representatives from employers across the airport a chance to meet, share experiences and best practices and learn more about safety at Toronto Pearson.

The TPSP team is hard at work planning the fall summit, which will take place on October 2. To provide a fresh perspective on safety at this event, attendees have been encouraged to bring a guest from their organization who does not normally have safety related duties. Guests will broaden their view about what safety means at our airport, while regular attendees will get a

new perspective from guests from other areas of their business.

As passenger traffic continues to grow at Toronto Pearson, and the aviation sector adopts new technologies, managing safety becomes even more complex. It is important that we have a range of experiences and expertise to draw on as we work with all airport stakeholders to drive change and build a safety culture.

Attendance at Safety Summits is by invitation only. If you are interested in attending, please contact your company's Health and Safety representative.



## EVERYONE CAN BE AWARE

### Toronto Pearson Safe Behaviours

Everyone who works at Toronto Pearson has a responsibility to keep our airport safe and secure for our coworkers and our passengers. Often, airport workers are the first to notice when something is out of place, malfunctioning or

suspicious. It is important that when we notice something, it's reported so it can be fixed, reducing the risk.

Here's what happens when an issue is reported:



### HERE ARE SOME OTHER WAYS TO BE AWARE:

- Be aware of your actions and how they might affect the safety of the airport. Take care not to create or allow FOD – that coffee cup you bring airside is trash, not FOD. Keeping the apron clean is everyone's responsibility.
- Piggybacking puts everyone at risk – be sure doors are closed and locked behind you
- See something a little odd or out of the ordinary, but not sure it's an issue? Report it anyway!

Questions about the Toronto Pearson Safe Behaviours? Email [tpsp@gtaa.com](mailto:tpsp@gtaa.com)



## GROWING SAFELY TOGETHER

### Join us for Airside Safety Week October 21 – 25

A safe operation is critical to everything we do at Toronto Pearson. The airport community works together to improve airside safety, eliminate unsafe behaviour, and reach our vision of zero injuries.

The theme of this year's Airside Safety Week is *Growing Safety Together*. It's a great opportunity to learn more and work together towards a safe airside.

We encourage you and your team to participate in the activities taking place this October 21-25:

- ASO Ride-alongs
- Safe Driving Road-eto Challenge
- Pearson Community FOD Walk
- Airside Safety Booths at Viscount Station

Learn more and sign up at [torontopearson.com/airsidesafetyweek](http://torontopearson.com/airsidesafetyweek)