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HOW TO KEEP THE AIRSIDE SAFE FROM FOD

FOD refers to any object found in an inappropriate location that can potentially cause damage to aircraft or result in an injury. FOD can include objects such as pavement fragments, catering supplies, building materials, loose hardware, pieces of luggage, and even wildlife. FOD can be found anywhere airside including terminal and cargo aprons, taxiways and runways. It's up to all of us to watch for, remove and report FOD.

Runway FOD has the greatest potential of causing damage. It has the potential to damage an aircraft during a phase of flight, which could lead to loss of life or aircraft, and increased maintenance and operating costs. Taxiway and apron FOD may seem less harmful but can still cause significant damage to the aircraft or transition onto the runway if not removed. We can keep FOD out of the airside with ongoing inspections of work areas and prompt removal.

Know your definitions:

- **Foreign Object Debris (FOD):** Any object, live or not, located in an inappropriate location at the airport that can injure airport or airline employees and damage aircraft.
- **Foreign Object Debris (FOD) Damage:** Damage caused by a foreign object that either has a physical or financial impact on the item. It can also reduce the items safety and performance.

What should you do to prevent FOD:

- Avoid creating FOD in your daily work
- Pilots are required to notify the tower if they notice FOD
- Participate in a FOD walk
- Pick up and dispose of FOD in the appropriate sized bin located at each gate

What goes in each bin?

Make sure you are using the correct bin when disposing of items.

- Garbage bins: regular waste including all food and drink containers or wrappers
- UPAK containers: large items such as palettes and large cardboard
- Arranged through your carrier/operator: all hazardous waste such as oil, skydrol containers and oil rags. Do not dispose of hazardous waste in other bins.

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Pick it up, don't pass it up!

- All AVOP holders have a responsibility to remove or report FOD. When you spot FOD, stop and pick it up for disposal. If the item is contaminated or too big to handle safely, call the Integrated Operations Control Centre (IOCC) at 416-776-3055 to have someone dispatched to help.
- Gate areas should be checked for FOD prior to every arrival and prior to every departure.
- There are bright yellow FOD bins under every bridge available for this use. Only place FOD in these, not waste from aircraft cabins, oil cans or fast food waste. Anything too big for the FOD bins can be dropped into the larger, blue garbage bins at the head of stand.

[Check out the Toronto Pearson FOD Prevention & Control Policy.](#)