



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE_OPS04

Behaviour during Thunderstorms

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OBJECTIVE

This SOP apply to the protection against accident and health hazards caused by thunderstorms during activities on the ramp.

APPLICATION

Operations department:
Turnaround Coordinator; Load Controller

Passenger Services:
Boarding/Gate Agents

ABBREVIATIONS & DEFINITIONS

N/A



PROCEDURE STEPS

Step	Action
1.	Observe defined information and reporting channels from your airport for warnings and all-clear signals.
2.	Take protective measures and rules of conduct into account when planning and preparing activities in exposed outdoor areas.
3.	Inform other companies or persons (e.g. visitors, external company employees).
4.	Avoid staying outdoors, seek sheltered areas such as buildings or vehicles.
5.	<p><u>Outdoors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Never be the highest point yourself!• Avoid masts, towers, cranes, antennas, measuring stations, power supply and video surveillance systems and walls; keep your distance from metal fences, lattices and other metal constructions.• Keep a distance of at least 0.5 m from other persons• Never seek cover under wings• Stand with feet closed.• Crouch down with closed feet and grasp knees with both arms (crouching)• never lie down stretched out. <p><u>When staying in vehicles:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Move to a safe area (building) as early as possible.• if this is no longer possible, stop the vehicle in a safe place (danger of glare from lightning) and stay in the vehicle.• Keep radio contact to a minimum; keep as far away as possible from antennas and cable ducts;• if thunderstorms are imminent, keep arms to body and do not touch anything (sit on hands).
6.	Do not use open and closed passenger stairs on apron positions.
7.	Do not use hand-held radio and mobile data equipment (mobile phone etc.) outdoors during a thunderstorm.

REFERENCE FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE

Airport Manual (Flughafenbenutzungsordnung/FBO)