

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE ALERT BULLETIN

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GPU Power Cord Damages Panel Door and Receptacle Pins

STATION: BOS

INCIDENT DATE: Nov. 29, 2016

A fleet service agent was repositioning a pushback tractor and towbar to another gate when the towbar caught the GPU power cord and pulled it from its receptacle on an A319.

NEVER operate equipment around aircraft without being situationally aware of your surroundings!



Resource Citation: Safety Policy and Procedures Manual (SPPM)

Section 12-5-8 – D. 2-N. Before backing, make a “walk-around” to be sure the path is clear. In a congested area, use a guide, since another vehicle or a person could enter the area after the walk around.

Section 12-5-11 – A. While driving or approaching an aircraft, if there is any doubt about clearance, get a guide. Proceed only when there is a continuous standard hand signal to do so. Stop if visual contact is lost or there is any doubt.

Resource Citation: Ramp Operations Manual (ROM)

Section 8-1-1 – A. Each employee operator of company owned ground equipment is responsible for the safe operation of that equipment.

Section 8-1-3 – Q. It is the operator’s responsibility to ensure there is adequate clearance prior to operating or towing any piece of equipment. If in doubt, the operator must request a guideperson.

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