

SAFETY

Wing Walker Responsibility



The primary responsibility of a wing walker is to ensure there is enough clearance between the aircraft and any obstacle.

A minimum of one (1) wing walker is always required to ensure the area behind the aircraft is clear and remains clear, and a wing walker is always required anytime any part of the aircraft will pass within ten (10) feet of any obstruction. If there are no obstructions, one (1) wing walker is the minimum.

Wing walker(s) will take a position slightly aft of the left and right wing tips (as required) and are responsible for:

- Always maintaining a position that is in the tug driver's forward field of vision.
- Continually adjusting position during the pushback to maintain eye contact with the tug driver in relation to wing tips, neighboring aircraft, and moving traffic.
- Visually observing the area around the aircraft for, but not limited to, fixed obstructions and parked equipment.
- Displaying the "Area Clear" hand signal, ensuring wing tip clearance until the aircraft is positioned at the designated stopping point.

REMEMBER - You ARE the eyes of the pushback operator!

AWARENESS

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when the engines are at idle speed. For turbo-prop aircraft, the prop wash area is approximately 36 feet when propellers are feathered.



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Stations are urged to use this guide to assist with Station Safety Briefings. This information should be reviewed daily with all employees to ensure understanding and compliance. This may result in employees hearing it more than once but will serve to reinforce the information. The questions at the bottom must be used to ensure understanding.

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What is the primary responsibility of the wing walker?

Where should the wing walker be located?

What is the jetblast area for American and American Eagle aircraft ?