

SAFETY

The Pressure CAN Kill You!!

There have been recent incidents where employees barely escaped injury when they attempted to open the Main Cabin Door of an aircraft that was accidentally pressurized.

When using any conditioned air unit, the Main Cabin Door must be left slightly open to prevent the aircraft from sealing and pressurizing as air from the unit is forced into the cabin. The door does not need to be fully opened in order to prevent pressurization.

If there is not already a conditioned air unit connected to an aircraft that has (a) crew member(s) on board, ground personnel will connect a unit only upon request of the (an) onboard crewmember to ensure crewmembers are aware of the possibility of pressurization.

****WARNING****

Using a conditioned air unit for aircraft climate control will cause pressurization of the cabin unless the aircraft is properly vented. Open the Main Cabin Door (MCD) prior to using conditioned air to prevent aircraft pressurization.

COMPLIANCE

An EMB-145 aircraft escaped serious damage after it was struck by the improperly stowed handrail of the jetway as it was being positioned at the aircraft.

Prevention: Always be aware of your surroundings. DO NOT make contact with the aircraft.

AWARENESS

All ground equipment must be disconnected from the aircraft when not providing service. This includes the GPU power cord any time the GPU is not providing power to the aircraft and airstart, air conditioning

and lav cart/truck hoses when not in use. It is a requirement that the employee who disconnects the hose or cord is the only person to close and secure the service door.



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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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COMPLIANCE

Wet or Icy Ramp Conditions

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What must be opened prior to using a conditioned air unit on an aircraft?

What must you always be aware of on the ramp?

When disconnecting ground equipment from the aircraft, who is responsible for closing and securing the panel door?