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SAFETY ALERT

Ramp Operations – Safety and Compliance Distracted Driving and Cell Phone Use

This Advisory is being issued to raise awareness for operating safely on the Ramp and Gate areas at BWI Marshall Airport.

The increase of distracted driving, primarily with the use of mobile electronic devices such as cell phones, has been identified as a growing problem that needs to stop. Besides being an unsafe practice, it is also against the law in Maryland.

Maryland law prohibits the use of a handheld cell phone and texting while driving. The law states, “A driver of a motor vehicle that is in motion may not use the driver’s hands to use a handheld telephone other than to initiate or terminate a wireless telephone call or to turn on or turn off the handheld telephone.”

Texting and phone use are leading causes of distracted driving. The law in Maryland prohibits the use of a handheld phone while driving. This includes the writing, sending, or reading of a text or electronic message. All distractions endanger drivers, passengers, and pedestrians. Most distractions involve cognitive and sensory distraction. When you make a call on a handheld phone, you are not only holding and looking at the phone you are also dialing, listening, and thinking about the conversation.

Those who are stopped for this offense are subject to an airfield citation for “careless driving” against their Airfield Operator’s permit.

The goal is to have a safe Ramp area for all employees to work in. It takes a “Team Effort” to accomplish this and we request your assistance in achieving this.

Please disseminate this information to all employees who operate in the Ramp and Gate areas.

Thank you for your support and cooperation with this matter.

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