

SAFETY AND SECURITY

at Toronto Pearson International Airport

Greater Toronto Airports Authority
Fact Sheet

The responsibility of ensuring safety and security at Toronto Pearson International Airport is a team effort. Each agency and division works in conjunction with other safety personnel, airport and airline employees, terminal staff and government groups.

The collaborative effort of everyone involved with safety, security and emergency planning at Toronto Pearson is essential to maintaining the highest level of safety and security. Below is a list of agencies that are responsible for different aspects of airport safety and security.

Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA)

- Management and control of all restricted areas access control points for employees and airport workers
- Establishment and control of the Primary Security Line which includes perimeter fence and gates, Guard Post Access Control posts, Security Systems (Automated Access Control, Pass/Permit Control, Key Control, CCTV, Alarms and surveillance systems)
- Safety and Security patrols, response and investigations
- Security Education and Awareness Programs
- Establishing and ensuring compliance with safety and security standards and requirements for new construction and for testing and commissioning new security systems
- Coordination of safety and security for special events
- Labour dispute and public demonstration coordination and management.
- Corporate security
- Development, maintenance and implementation of standard operating procedures for escalating threat levels
- Emergency Services – 80 full-time firefighters, equipped to handle aircraft and structural fires, as well as first response for medical calls on airport property
- Canine Unit – responsibility for explosive detection at Toronto Pearson, including inspection of unattended bags, response to bomb threats and random inspections throughout the airport
- Airside Safety – establishing Airside Safety policies and standards and monitoring and enforcing to ensure safe operations of vehicles, pedestrians and aircraft on the airside of the airport. This group also administers and manages the Airside Vehicle Operators Permits (AVOP)
- Emergency Planning – development and management of the Airport Emergency Management Program including ensuring compliance with standards and legislated requirements; development, implementation and administration of disaster, emergency, evacuation plans, procedures and contingencies; development and conduct of related training, exercise and evaluation programs

- Responsible for the management and administration of a large contingent of contracted guard services associated with Access Control, Security Patrols, Lost & Found Services, Airside Escort, Construction Security, etc.
- Pass/Permit Control and AVOP - Processing Clearances, Issuance, Control & Recovery of Restricted Area Passes, Keycards, Vehicle Markers, Employee Parking Permits, etc. Also responsible for Security Awareness Training and AVOP Training/Awareness and Testing programs
- Manage the contract with Peel Regional Police for Policing Services
- Primary liaison for Government agencies, enforcement and intelligence groups (CATSA, Transport Canada, RCMP, Peel Regional Police, CSIS, etc.)
- Threat & Risk Assessment
- Development and implementation of a Security Management System Program and a Safety Management System Program

Transport Canada

- Responsibility for the development and maintenance of Transportation Security Policies, Programs and legislation
- Responsible for ensuring compliance with Security Regulations and Measures through audits/inspections, monitoring and enforcement programs
- Responsible for the management and control of the Transportation Security Clearance Program
- Responsible for funding specific airport policing programs

Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA)

- Responsible for the management, control and delivery of Airport Screening Services - Preboard passenger screening, Hold baggage screening and Non-passenger screening
- Responsible for the management of delegated Security Projects such as RAIC, HBS, etc.
- Responsible for funding of specific security projects

Peel Regional Police

- Provision of policing services associated with civil aviation security
- Enforcement of federal and provincial statutes and safety & security related legislation
- Investigating public order incidents
- Labour liaison
- Conducting preventative policing patrols at the airport
- Criminal jurisdiction



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