

Night Landing Procedure >

Actions before an aircraft arrives

1. Review the general Airstrip Inspection Procedure

2. Identify wind direction

Aircraft always land into the wind.

3. Lighting

- › Place portable lights or flares at 90 metre intervals.
- › Light flares at least 30 minutes before the aircraft's arrival.
- › Start lighting the flares at the end where the aircraft will land first.

4. Windsock

If the windsock has dedicated lighting, turn it on. Ensure windsock is not tangled.

5. Second check of the airstrip

Five minutes before the aircraft is due to arrive check the strip again to ensure no animals have entered the area.

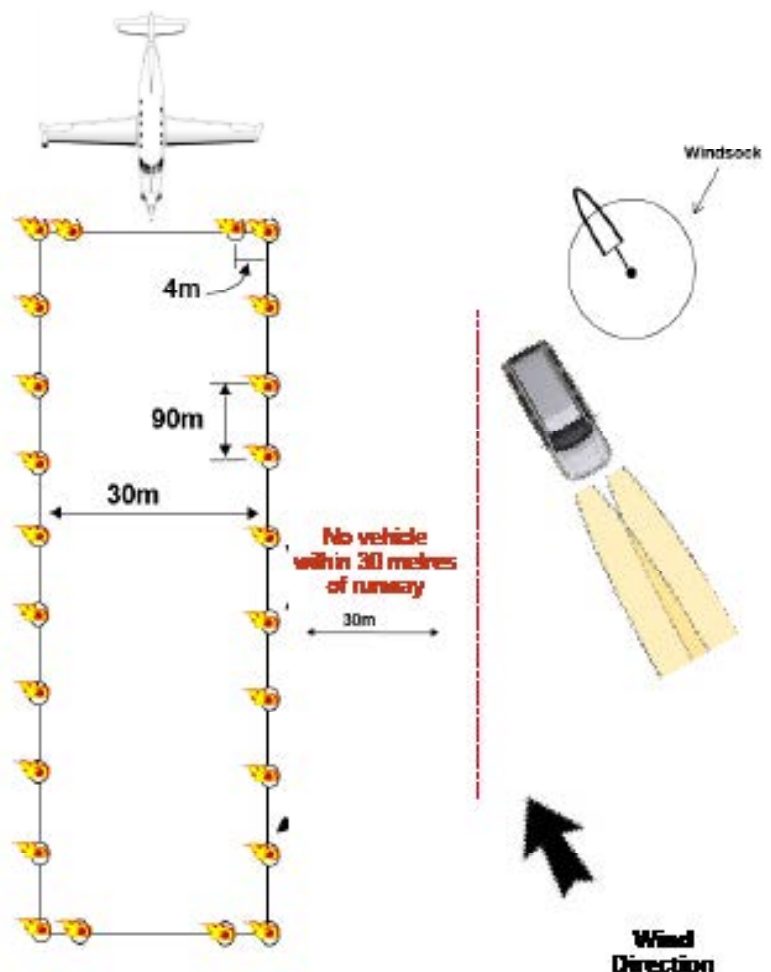
6. Parking

- › **Park your vehicle so that it is pointing INTO the wind.**
- › **Turn your headlights on high beam and hazard lights on.**
- › No vehicle is to be parked at either end of the runway.
- › All vehicles must be at least 30 metres from the side of the airstrip.
- › If possible, park as close as practicable to the windsock (do not attempt to illuminate the windsock with car lights).
- › If parking here is not possible, park in a clear location at least 30 metres from the side of the strip.

7. After aircraft departure

Flares/lights must be left lit for 30 minutes in the event the aircraft must return to land due to an emergency.

The pilot will contact you prior to arrival on
UHF CHANNEL 13
to confirm that the airstrip is safe and ready



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Airstrip Inspection Procedure >

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1. Identify wind direction

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2. Check the runway surface

- › Drive at 75 km/h down the entire length of the airfield
- › As you drive, the surface of the runway should feel smooth and firm
- › The runway surface should be free from any ruts deeper than 2 centimetres (10c coin)
- › Remove any objects such as animal carcasses, twigs or large rocks that are in the vicinity of the runway.

3. Check twice for wildlife

- › Ensure there are no animals in the vicinity of the airfield.
- › If the airfield is fenced, shut the gate.

4. Windsock

Check the condition of the windsock.
It may need untangling.

5. Parking

- › Park at least 30 metres from the side of the runway.
- › Do not park at either end of the runway.

6. Remain clear

Stay well clear of the aircraft until the propellor has stopped and the door is open.

7. No Smoking

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Stay listening to UHF channel 13

- › The pilot will contact you as they approach your area to confirm the airstrip is serviceable and safe.
- › Speak up if there are any issues
- › The aircraft may NOT land if the pilot is unable to contact you.
- › In the event the aircraft is circling overhead and you haven't had contact from them, there may be radio issues. If you have checked the airfield as per this procedure, turn on your vehicle's hazard lights to indicate it is safe to land.
- › If you have radio issues, call the RFDS Operations Communications Centre on 1800 RFDS SA (1800 733 772).

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