

Emergency hand signals to pilots from the Aerodrome Fire Service or other ground personnel.

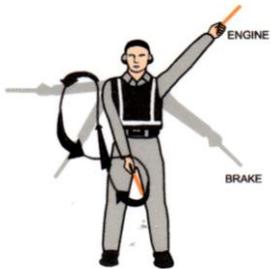
Pilots should be aware of four important hand signals that might be given by the Aerodrome Fire Service, or in the case of the first signal also by other ground personnel such as marshallers, in the event of an aircraft fire or other emergency.

Ideally, the primary method of communication will be via the headset or radio (121.6 where available) but in the absence of these, pilots should be familiar with these hand signals.

BALPA advises that cabin crew should also be familiar with them in the event of flight deck incapacitation.

Emergency hand signals to pilots from the Aerodrome Fire Service or other ground personnel are reproduced below.

Signal from Aerodrome Fire Service (or other ground personnel, for example marshallers) to warn of fire on the aircraft:

	<p>Move right-hand wand in a "fanning" motion from shoulder to knee, while at the same time pointing with the left-hand wand to area of fire.</p> <p>(Might also be a rapid figure-of-eight motion at waist level with either arm, pointing at the source of fire with the other arm).</p>
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Signals from Aerodrome Fire Service to Pilots concerning Evacuation:

	<p>1. Recommend Evacuation</p> <p>Evacuation recommended based on aircraft rescue and fire-fighting and Incident Commander's assessment of external situation.</p> <p>Arm extended from body, and held horizontal with hand upraised at eye level. Execute beckoning arm motion angled backward. Non-beckoning arm held against body.</p> <p>Night - same with wands.</p>
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2. Recommend Stop

Recommend evacuation in progress be halted. Stop aircraft movement or other activity in progress.

Arms in front of head - Crossed at wrists.

Night - same with wands.



3. Emergency Contained

No outside evidence of dangerous conditions or "All Clear".

Arms extended outward and down at a 45 degree angle. Arms moved inward below waistline simultaneously until wrists crossed, then extended outward to starting position.

Night - same with wands.

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