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Wellington Wairarapa Gliding Club

Site Safety Notes

How to detect if the airfield is active

- there is a yellow-and-blue winch parked at one end of a runway
- there are gliders on the runways, possibly being towed by a car
- there are one or two cables lying the full length of the runway
- you can see (but not hear) gliders launching or flying nearby
- flying operations have been notified on *today's tweet* (on the web page)

When the airfield is active

- keep a constant look-out for gliders they could land on any runway
- drive on perimeter tracks or next to the fence line, max speed 20 kph
- do not cross a runway without clearance from the Launch Point or winch
- do not drive or walk across any cables they (or you) could be damaged
- before moving onto an active runway obtain a clearance by phone or radio

When at the launch point

- do not stand in front of any glider that is preparing to launch
- always park behind the launch point van and against the fence
- leave your car unlocked and with keys inside so it can be moved
- do not touch or offer to help with any task until shown exactly what to do
- keep all dogs and other large pets (e.g. crocodiles) on a leash or in a car

Communication

- the Launch Point Controller carries a cellular phone on 022-476-2746
- winch, launch controller and gliders all use VHF radio on 134.45 MHz
- club service cars (including the cable car) are all equipped with VHF radio
- radio silence is required during a winch launch wait before transmitting

Emergency equipment

- in an emergency notify the Launch Point Controller using the closest radio
- two AED's are available: outside near Training Centre and in Launch Point van
- fire extinguishers are available in the hangar, winch and Launch Point van
- in hot, dry weather there is a significant risk of grass fires

https://glidegreytown.nz/

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