

Safety on flights

This is what a traveller should know when flying.

Safety Briefings

Knowing what to do in an emergency could be the difference between life and death for you and your family. The safety briefing and the safety information card provided near your seat give vital information on the location of exits and emergency equipment. As this can vary from one aircraft type to another, it is important to pay attention to the safety briefing and read the safety card each time you fly. You should check the location of your nearest emergency exit which may be behind you. Safety equipment will usually include life jackets, oxygen masks, seat belts/harnesses and floor lighting.



The safety briefing will generally include information on the use of portable electronic devices, stowage of hand baggage and the need for your seat to be in the upright position with the tray table stowed during take-off and landing.

Seat Belts

You are recommended to keep your belt fastened throughout the flight, and must do so whenever the “seat belt” sign is on (during taxiing, take-off, landing and during turbulence). You should adjust your belt so that it is tight but comfortable with the buckle the right way round so that it can be released easily. If you have a blanket over your lap and are likely to fall asleep, it is recommended that you fasten the seat belt over the blanket so cabin crew can see you have the belt fastened. After landing, you must wait until the “seat belt” sign goes off before undoing your belt at the end of the flight.

Portable Electronic Devices

Some airlines now allow passengers to use electronic devices such as smartphones, tablets and e-readers, during the entire duration of a flight. These airlines have conducted safety tests to ensure electronic gadgets do not adversely affect their aircraft. Currently, all electronic devices must remain in Flight Mode when switched on unless passengers are advised otherwise by cabin crew.

A number of international airlines have equipped some of their aircraft to allow mobile phone voice calls and texts in-flight. Other aircraft also have Wi-Fi installed, allowing passengers to browse the web. However, the situation varies from one airline to another. Passengers will always be instructed by cabin crew as to exactly which electronic devices can be used, and in what mode, at the beginning of a flight. If in any doubt, always check with a member of cabin crew before using a device.

Smoking

Most airlines do not permit smoking onboard, therefore the ‘no smoking’ signs will remain on throughout the flight. Passengers are not permitted to smoke in the toilets and these are fitted with smoke detectors.





1 Complete the text of the announcement with the given words.

fasten seat belt ■ folding trays ■ carry-on luggage ■ electronic devices ■ ladies and gentlemen ■ seat is back ■ emergency exit ■ mobile phones ■ non-smoking ■ flight attendants

This announcement is usually made while the aircraft is parked at the gate and the last passengers are boarding.

"1., the Captain has turned on the 2. sign. If you haven't already done so, please stow your 3. underneath the seat in front of you or in an overhead locker. Please take your seat and fasten your seat belt. And also make sure your 4. and 5. are in their full upright position.

If you are seated next to an 6., please read carefully the special instructions card located by your seat. At this time, we request that all 7., pagers, radios and remote controlled toys be turned off for the full duration of the flight, as these items might interfere with the navigational and communication equipment on this aircraft. We request that all other 8. be turned off until we fly above 10,000 feet. We will notify you when it is safe to use such devices. We remind you that this is a 9. flight. Smoking is prohibited on the entire aircraft, including the lavatories. If you have any questions about our flight today, please don't hesitate to ask one of our 10. Thank you."



2 Make the announcements using the prompts.

1. Usually this announcement is made before the door is closed, or while it is being closed: give details on the flight, introduce yourself and the cabin crew and give instructions on the safety measures during take off.
2. After touchdown, and as the aircraft is turning off the active runway and taxiing to the gate, the flight attendant will make one last announcement: give details on destination, arrival time and weather, remind passengers to keep safety belts on, remind them about personal belongings, electronic devices, smoking and say goodbye.



3 Look at the safety card which is generally positioned in front of the passenger's seat so as to be clearly visible. Write the instructions it shows in full.



4 Translate.

1. Da parte del capitano, benvenuti a bordo.
2. Rimanete seduti al vostro posto fino a quando l'apposito segnale non sarà spento.
3. Questo volo è non fumatori.
4. Signore e signori, benvenuti all'aeroporto di Boston.
5. Non usate i vostri apparecchi elettronici durante il decollo e l'atterraggio.
6. Non dimenticate di prendere il vostro bagaglio a mano.