

# Safe travelling

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## Safe travelling with aircraft

Things to note even, if you have travelled by aircraft hundreds of times

### *Safety on the ramp*

Currently, airport ramps are used more and more intensively to allow passengers to board on the aircraft and exit it. Thus, please note that the airplane propellers or jet propulsion may cause serious harm to passenger's health if the passenger enters any restricted areas.

In order to avoid harm to your health, when on the ramp, please observe the following rules.

- For your own safety, always follow information and instructions by the airport personnel and aircraft crew. While on the ramp, move along the permitted areas only.
- Be aware of the aircraft propellers. Although, the aircraft engines are turned off, propellers may cause danger if, for instance, they become activated by wind.
- Be aware of surrounding aircrafts with their engines on. You may not hear approaching aircrafts due to noise from the aircraft on which you have arrived or on which you will depart. Note that the air flow from the large aircrafts can turn over even a truck!
- Never go beneath the hull or wings of the aircraft.
- Parents! When on the ramp, never leave your children unattended.
- When on the ramp, smoking is strongly prohibited.
- We recommend using no mobile devices when on the ramp in order not to distract your attention from the surrounding danger.

### *Hand luggage*

Upon boarding, put your hand luggage in the dedicated place. The heavy hand luggage shall be placed beneath your front seat. Other hand luggage shall be placed onto the luggage compartment rack above your head or on other racks dedicated for passenger luggage.

Never leave your luggage between the rows of seats and in the main aisle, otherwise, it will block passenger evacuation in an emergency situation. Furthermore, a non-fastened hand luggage placed on seats may also cause injuries to passengers when the aircraft enters the turbulence area.

Be careful with the hand luggage that may drop down when you open the hand luggage compartment racks. It may cause injuries to other passengers!

### *Mobile phones and electronic devices*

Use of mobile phones, remote control toys, radio, GPS receivers and radio transmitters in the aircraft may affect functionality of communication, navigation and flight control systems of the plane. Thus, use of the mentioned devices on the board of the plane is prohibited. In turn, personal electronic devices, such as laptops, CD players, cassette players, DVD players and video cameras are prohibited for use during taking off and landing, when the warning sign "Fasten your seat belt" is on, and if the captain considers that any of the mentioned devices may hinder safe flight.

### *Alcohol*

When affecting a person's brain, alcohol hinders reaction, reasoning faculty and memory. Furthermore, alcohol reduces ability of the brain to uptake oxygen. Please note that alcohol has greater effect to human body during the flight than when on the ground. Presence on the board under alcohol intoxication shall be considered an offence. The airline shall be entitled to refuse admitting you on the board, if you are intoxicated by alcohol. Use of only those alcoholic drinks is allowed on the board, which are offered by crew. The crew shall be entitled to use own discretion to limit use of alcohol on the board due to safety reasons.

When remaining in the passengers' cabin, passengers are forbidden to use own alcohol.

## Prior to the flight

### *Instructions to passengers*

Information presented to passengers by the aircraft crew prior to each flight may seem frequently heard and unnecessary. Though, since types of airplanes, emergency exits, safety and rescue devices may differ, it is important that you pay attention to the information prior to each individual flight. Thus, please listen attentively to the pre-flight information and carefully acquaint yourself with the safety card located in the pocket of your front seat.

### *Safety (seat) belts*

Prior to the flight, carefully acquaint yourself with the operation of the seat belt fastening and unfastening mechanism, which differs from that available in cars. Keep your seat belt tightly fastened during the entire flight and while the warning sign "Fasten your seat belt" is on – even after landing. During the flight, if keeping seat belt fastened, you will avoid injuries when the aircraft unexpectedly enters a turbulence area. Statistics shows that the major part of passengers injured when the aircraft enters a turbulence area have failed to fasten their seat belts.

### *Emergency exit*

Upon boarding, please note two emergency exits nearest to your seat and the number of seat rows to these exits. This will facilitate finding emergency exit and follow instructions by crew in case of fire and smoke. Note that the nearest emergency exit may be located behind your seat.

### *Seat in the emergency exit row*

If your seat is located in the emergency exit row, in case of emergency you will be the first person to open this exit. Thus, please carefully follow the pre-flight safety instructions, acquaint yourself with the safety information card and apply to crew in case of any uncertainties. If you are not sure that you will be able to carry out these instructions, please request the crew to change your seat.

### *Safety vests*

Please pay attention to the crew instructions in relation to safety vests. Safety vests usually are located beneath the passenger seats. If necessary, they may be reached and put on without leaving your seat. It is important to listen to the information on the use of safety vests even though the route of your flight crosses no water body, because the route of the flight may change due to unexpected reasons. Please note that the safety vest may not be inflated in the passenger cabin.

### *Oxygen masks*

If the aircraft is equipped with the passenger oxygen masks, the crew will inform you on the use thereof during the pre-flight instructions. If the masks drop outside the panel during the flight, pull the mask so as the oxygen supply tube can stretch activating oxygen generator. Put the mask on your nose and mouth and breathe calmly. Fix the elastic band of the mask as necessary. Then, help to children and people sitting nearby and wait for further instructions from the aircraft crew.

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