



Our Personal Guest

AIRPORT SECURITY EXPECTATIONS

TIPS FOR TRAVELERS

To ensure the safety and security of airline passengers, heightened security measures have been implemented at airports. As you plan your trip, please keep the following in mind:

- Be sure to bring proper photo identification before you leave home. Acceptable are a valid photo driver's license, an active passport or an employee identification from a county, state or federal agency.
- Due to increased passenger and baggage security screenings at all airports; passengers should plan to arrive at the airport a minimum of two hours prior to departure for all domestic flights and a minimum of two and a half hours for international flights.
- You may check your luggage at the ticket counter and at the electronic kiosks that US Airways operates at New York LaGuardia, Boston and Ronald Reagan Washington National airports. Baggage will no longer be accepted for check in at curbside or at off-airport locations. Luggage may be checked at the airport within four hours of flight time.
- Only customers holding an electronic ticket confirmation letter, a travel agency itinerary, a US Airways itinerary, a boarding pass or a paper ticket will be permitted beyond the security check points. People without tickets will not be permitted in the gate areas to greet arriving passengers or to see off

departing passengers.

- Special arrangements will be made to provide gate passes for parents or guardians of unaccompanied minors and passengers with special needs. Unaccompanied minors and passengers with special needs are required to go to the airport ticket counter to check in.
- Unauthorized, unattended vehicles near a terminal building will be towed.
- There will be an increased presence of law enforcement and security personnel at airports and there will also be heightened vigilance for unattended bags.
- No knives of any size, or made from any material, are permitted on flights.

THE LIST BEFORE YOU LEAVE

A little research goes a long way when you're looking for peace of mind. Consult the following organizations for quick answers to travel questions:

American Citizens Services and Crisis Management (ACSCM)

A branch of the U.S. State Department (see below), ACSCM has offices in American embassies and consulates all over the world. If you break your leg in Peru, lose your wallet in Niger, or get arrested in Munich, the local ACSCM office will contact your family or friends and arrange

for medical, financial, or legal assistance. The ACSCM also helps concerned citizens who have lost contact with traveling relatives or friends (202-647-5225; travel.state.gov/acs.html).

FAA

Its site provides an overview of all the security measures implemented since September 11 at airports nationwide, but you'll have to check the Web site of an individual carrier to find out exactly how early passengers need to arrive at the airport and about other security measures specific to that airline. Links for all national carriers are listed on this site. To check on air-traffic delays at a particular domestic airport, click on Real-Time Airport Status (866-289-9673; www.faa.gov).

Ijet

Calling itself a "travel intelligence agency," Ijet tracks and disseminates vital news and background information on ISO countries. For \$15 per destination, the company's Worldcue Traveler service provides local emergency

telephone numbers, entry requirements, and health and security tips. You'll also receive news reports by e-mail pertaining to anything that might impact your trip, from an anti-American rally to a flight attendants' strike (877-606-4538; ijet.com).

Overseas Security Advisory Council

Not only does this site post the latest security-related news from a number of international newspapers, but it also lists key dates—Solidarity Day in Pakistan, election day in Togo—that you'll want to know about when planning your trip (www.ds-osac.org).

U.S. State Department Bureau of Public Affairs

When a destination is declared unsafe by the State Department, it's listed here. You'll also find phone numbers and addresses for every foreign embassy—information you should jot down before you leave the United States (202-647-6575; www.travel.state.gov).