

Passengers' Rights



Aircraft accidents kill and injure passengers and pilots each year. We want you to have a safe and successful outing, so if you're not sure about something, ask your pilot.

A safe pilot will:

Have a seat and seat belt for you
Show you how to use the seat belt and operate the doors
Explain the location and use of survival equipment
File a flight plan

A passenger may ask the pilot:

Are you licensed, rated and current for this flight?
Have you checked the weight and balance of the aircraft?
Have you obtained a weather forecast?
Have you filed a flight plan?
Should I make alternative arrangements or reschedule due to bad weather?

A passenger may NOT ask the pilot:

To carry a payload beyond the weight and balance limitations of the aircraft
To takeoff or land at an airstrip which is less than the length required by the aircraft
To fly below 500' except for takeoff or landing
To fly into weather he or she considers unsafe or against regulation
To fly beyond allowable duty time limits
To take risks by continuing a flight for the sake of meeting one of your prior commitments

Courtesy of the FAA Aviation Safety Program, Anchorage Flight Standards District Office. For questions or additional information, call 1-907-271-2006 or 1-800-294-5116.

Flyer's Rights

Pilots are entitled to expect passengers to:

Comply with their decisions as to loading of the aircraft

Accept the nature of the VFR flight and the possibility of delays or cancellation of the trip

Follow their instructions in the event of an emergency

Other Important Information

Am I suitably dressed in case of an enroute unplanned landing?

Are ear plugs available?

Did I give my flight route, destination, and timeline to a reliable friend or family member?



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Passengers are entitled to ask pilots about:

Location of the Emergency Locator Transmitter and survival equipment.

How to exit the airplane during an emergency.

Tying down all the cargo.

A seat and seatbelt for every passenger

A preflight safety briefing.

The weight and balance of the aircraft.

The takeoff and landing performance for the aircraft at this weight.

The weather conditions and filing a flight plan.

