

# Preflight Safety

## Demonstration and Instructions

The preflight safety demonstration (also known as a preflight briefing, in-flight safety demonstration, safety instructions, or simply the safety video) is a detailed explanation given before takeoff to airline passengers about the safety features of a commercial aircraft.

A safety demonstration typically covers all these aspects, not necessarily in this order:

- a reminder to review the aircraft safety card
- the use of the seat belt. Some airlines recommend that they keep their seat belt fastened at all times in case of unexpected turbulence.
- the requirement that passengers must comply with lighted signs, posted placards, and crew members instructions
- the location and use of the emergency exits, evacuation slides and emergency floor lighting
- the use of the oxygen mask
- the location and use of the life vests, life rafts, and flotation devices (not typically included if the flight does not overfly or fly near vast masses of water)
- the use of passenger seat cushions as flotation devices (typically only included on aircraft that do not provide life vests)
- generally, a reminder not to smoke on board, including the toilets
- reminder not to tamper with or disable lavatory smoke detectors
- the precautions to take before take-off and landing:
  - to stow luggage under a seat or in an overhead compartment
  - to return folding trays and seat backs to the upright position
  - to turn off most electronic devices (laptops, mobile phones, etc.)



**Assignment:** On each commercial flight, there may be passengers who fly frequently and ones who have never flown before. However, it is important for all passengers to listen to and understand the safety instructions. Write the text for a safety briefing which covers all the necessary topics AND to which passengers will actually listen.