

Passenger Pre-Flight Briefing

- * While walking around the airfield, be careful of spinning propellers and jet intakes. If somebody yells "Clear!" it means an engine will be starting very soon.
- * You must have your seatbelt on during taxiing, takeoff, and landing. Ask me if you don't know how to attach, tighten, loosen, or detach the seatbelt. I also recommend you wear the seatbelt throughout the flight in case we encounter unexpected turbulence.
- * No smoking.
- * No alcohol consumption.
- * Keep the doors closed until I tell you it's OK to open them.
- * Note the location and operation of the normal and emergency exits.
- * There are other exit options too, such as the baggage door and windows, all of which can be kicked open in a pinch.
- * Don't touch the controls without asking first, including the knobs, buttons, yoke, pedals, and the push-to-talk button.
- * In the unlikely event your seat should slip back as we take off, please avoid grabbing the yoke to drag it back.
- * The airsickness bags are in the seatbacks if you need them. Don't hesitate. If you start to feel queasy tell me right away, look outside the plane, and open the nearest vent to blow air toward your face.
- * If you see any other airplanes once we are off the ground please let me know. An extra pair of eyes always helps.
- * Use the restroom before getting in the plane. The airsickness bags can be used in a REAL emergency.
- * In the extremely unlikely event that we are forced to land anywhere other than an airport (and it will be obvious), I will tell you to open the door just a crack when we are 50 feet from the ground. The reason is that the forced landing may bend the aircraft and make opening the door impossible. So, you will open the door before we touch down.
- * We have an intercom so that we can talk to each other through our headsets. When I push this button here, and I'm talking to the tower or to other airplanes, anything you say will be broadcast, too.
- * If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask now or during the flight. The only time I can't talk with you is during takeoff and landing.

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