

Some Suggestions For

AIRPLANE PASSENGER ETIQUETTE



Wear Less Jewelry

You can do wonders when it comes to expediting the security screening process by leaving jewelry at home or in your luggage.



Be Careful Walking Down the Aisle

It can really hurt when you get hit in the head by a briefcase. Pay a little extra attention and you may avoid banging your luggage against another passenger.



Own Your Carry-on Luggage

If your bag doesn't fit in the overhead compartment or beneath the seat in front of you, be proactive and let a flight attendant know so the item can be stowed below.



Don't Grab the Seat in Front of You

Yes, even if you need help getting up. Use your own seat for support if necessary. On the other hand, if the seat in front of you is empty, grab away!



Be Conscious of Your Size

If you can't fit in one seat, buy two seats. Lifting the arm rest to make room for yourself isn't an appropriate solution.



Clean Off Smoke Residue

Remember that smoke residue stays on your clothing and in your hair. Before you board the plane, please try using a wet wipe to remove the residue.



Keep the Volume Down

Adjust your headphones to a reasonable volume so you're not sharing your playlist with other passengers.



Leave Your Feet on the Floor

Obvious? Perhaps. But you'd be surprised.



Turn Off Your Phone After Takeoff

Some studies indicate that mobile phones interfere with aircraft navigation systems. Conclusive? Maybe not. Is your phone call more important than the lives of everyone aboard? Definitely not.



Warn Before You Recline

Just a gentle heads-up to the person sitting behind you is all you need to do.

Ask Before You Climb Over People

Yes, you may really need to go to the bathroom, but common courtesy is still important. If you plan on sleeping during the flight, let people in your row know they can wake you or climb over you if they need to get out.



Recognize that People Have Allergies

This means keeping the Axe Body Spray to a minimum and being mindful of peanut-based foods you bring onboard. Pets should stay in your carry-on at all times.



Bring Snoring Remedies

Of course it doesn't bother you; you're asleep!



Be Patient With Crying Babies

Babies have no idea how annoying their crying is because they are babies. Parents only have so many options in calming them down. You were a baby once, too (a long, long time ago). Instead of glaring at the parents, put on headphones.



Don't Get Hammered

Having a few drinks is one thing, but we all know how obnoxious a drunken airplane passenger can be. One guy on an Icelandair flight even had to be taped to his seat after yelling and choking someone. Don't be that guy.



Clean Your Food Tray

Don't put up a dirty food tray; your mother isn't here to clean up after you!





Be Careful Opening the Overhead

Again, all it takes is a little extra care to prevent your fifteen-pound backpack from giving someone a concussion.



Wait Your Turn to Deplane

You may have an appointment and/or another flight to catch, but so does nearly everyone else. Wait until the row in front of you clears before moving into the aisle. If you truly have an emergency situation, appeal to the good graces of your fellow passengers before moving out of turn.

What ideas do you have for airplane passenger etiquette?

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