

Flight Safety Instructions

When you're on a plane, you may hear a flight attendant give a speech like this:

We'll be taking off **momentarily**, so please make sure your carry-on baggage is **stowed securely**, either in an **overhead compartment** or under the seat in front of you. Mobile phones and other electronic **devices** should be turned off.

There are six **exits** on this plane – 3 doors, on each side. All exits are clearly **marked** with an exit sign. Please take the time to find the exit nearest you.

If you're seated in an exit row, please review the **responsibilities** for **emergency** exit seating, on the back of the safety information card which is in your **seat pocket**. If you are **unable**, or prefer not to do this, please let us know, and we will be happy to find you another seat.

If there is a **loss of cabin pressure**, the **panels** above your seat will open, and **oxygen masks** will drop down. If this happens, **place** the mask over your nose and mouth, and **adjust** it **as necessary**. Be sure to adjust your own mask before helping others. In the event of a water landing, life vests are under your seat.

Whenever the seat belt sign is on, please make sure your seat belt is **fastened**.

Smoking is not allowed on our flights, and **federal law** prohibits **tampering with, disabling, or destroying** a smoke detector.

Thank you for your attention. We hope you enjoy your flight!

VOCABULARY

momentarily – soon; in a moment

stowed securely – put away safely (“to stow” means to put something away, and “secure” means in a safe place)

overhead compartment – a “compartment” is a small place where you can put things; the “overhead compartments” are the places above the seat where people put their bags

devices – small machines, like games, mp3 players, DVD players, etc.

exits – where you leave (a plane, room, or building)

mark(ed) – to show where something is (the exits are “marked” with an “exit sign” showing a person walking through a door)

responsibilities – things that you should do or have to do

emergency – when something very serious happens and you need to act quickly (like a car accident, an earthquake, or a fire)

seat pocket – the “pocket” on the back of the seat in front of you, with magazines, safety instructions, etc.

unable to – cannot; not able to

loss of cabin pressure – the air in the airplane gets lighter or heavier, and it becomes harder to breathe

panels – small doors; flat pieces of wood, metal, plastic, etc.

oxygen masks – masks that help you breathe oxygen, for example, when there is a loss of cabin pressure

adjust – to change the position of something

as necessary – as you need to

fasten – to tighten

federal law – the law of a country

tampering with, disabling, or destroying – changing, turning off, or breaking

Fill in the blanks with a vocabulary word in the box below.

emergency	momentarily	responsibilities
fasten	exit	devices
panels	unable	adjust
as necessary	federal	marked

1. The questions that you got wrong are _____ with an "X".
2. You can adjust the volume of the TV _____. If it is too loud, turn the volume down. If it is too quiet, turn the volume up.
3. Oxygen masks will drop down from the _____ above your seat if there is a loss of cabin pressure.
4. In the event of an _____, call the police.
5. The flight will be landing _____, so please fasten your seatbelts and securely stow all electronic devices.
6. The _____ sign shows a man walking out of a room.
7. People who are _____ to walk can use wheelchairs.
8. If you are too hot, you can _____ the temperature on the air conditioner.
9. The Japanese have invented many interesting electronic _____.
10. _____ law prohibits tampering with smoke detectors.
11. I have many _____ at home, like taking out the trash and washing dishes.
12. According to federal law, you must _____ your seatbelt when you are in a car.