



Pre-flight safety demonstration

Flight attendants always give a pre-flight safety demonstration (also known as a pre-flight briefing, in-flight safety demonstration, and safety instructions), i.e. an explanation given before takeoff to passengers of commercial flights. This is required by the basic international air safety standards issued by ICAO (*International Civil Aviation Organization*).

Flight attendants always invite you to review the aircraft safety card as it varies according to the aircraft model.

They show how to use safety belts and may ask to keep them fastened not only during take-off and landing, but also at all times in case of unexpected turbulence. They also ask passengers to return folding trays and seats in the upright position during take-off and landing.

The flight attendants in charge of this demonstration show the location and use of the emergency exits, evacuation slides, and emergency floor lighting. In addition to that, they show how to use oxygen masks and the location and use of life vests, life rafts, or other flotation devices. They require that passengers must comply with lighted signs and crew members instructions, stow luggage under their seat or in an overhead compartment and to turn off most electronic devices.

In the end, they remind passengers about no-smoking policies.



ACTIVITIES

- 1 In small groups write a text for an on-board pre-flight safety demonstration, providing all instructions commonly given on board a plane.