
FAA Allows Expanded Use of Portable Electronic Devices

Tips for Passengers: Flying with PEDs
FAA produced a list of top things passengers should know about the expanded use of PEDs on airplanes.

1) Make safety your first priority.
2) Changes to PED policies will not happen immediately and will vary by airline.
3) Current PED policies remain in effect until an airline completes a safety assessment, gets FAA approval and changes its PED policy.
4) Cell phones may not be used for voice communications.
5) Devices must be used in airplane mode or with the cellular connection disabled. Wi-Fi may be used if the plane has an installed Wi-Fi system.
6) Properly stow heavier devices under seats or in the overhead bins during takeoff and landing. These items could impede evacuation of an aircraft or may injure you or someone else in the event of turbulence or an incident.
7) During the safety briefing, put down electronic devices, books and newspapers and listen to the crewmember’s instructions.
8) It only takes a few minutes to secure items following the crew’s instructions during takeoff and landing.
9) In some instances of low visibility (about 1% of flights), some landing systems may not be proved PED-tolerant, so you may be asked to turn off your device(s).
10) Always follow crew instructions and immediately turn off your device if asked.

Additional information:
FAA program page: Portable Electronic Devices
Portable Electronics Frequently Asked Questions
Fact Sheet – Portable Electronic Devices Aviation Rulemaking Committee Report
PED ARC report (PDF)