

GENERAL ADVICE

- ❖ When changing planes, go directly to your next departure gate immediately upon deplaning. This way, you will not risk running to your next gate at the last minute.
- ❖ Do not listen to your music or language tapes too loudly. You may miss important announcements, boarding calls or individual pages if you do.
- ❖ Do not agree to watch anyone else's luggage or carry-on items, even for a brief moment. Do not ask anyone else to mind your bags, either.
- ❖ Be sure to pack your host family and Rotary Chair's telephone number in your carry-on bag. You will be happy to have these numbers handy in case of emergency or airline delays.
- ❖ If you experience flight delays or cancellation, seek out a uniformed airline employee and ask for assistance. No matter what the circumstance, remember to remain calm and polite at all times



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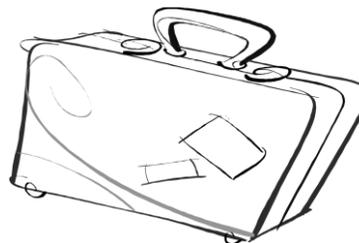
The U.S. Government, in cooperation with airports and airlines, is continually working to make air travel safer. As a traveler, you can enhance your trip by familiarizing yourself with new regulations.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME

1. Be sure you have all the proper travel documents with you, including your passport, travel itinerary and paper tickets. Or e- ticket passenger receipt.
2. Check with the airline to be sure there have not been any last minute changes in your travel itinerary. Toll free numbers for all major airlines can be found in the phone book but will be provided in your departure packet.
3. Plan to leave home and therefore arrive at the airport early. While airline recommendations vary on how long before departing passengers should arrive, a good rule of thumb for Rotary students is three hours. This will allow plenty of time to say goodbye to loved ones and get through security.
4. ID Cards should be placed both on the inside and outside of your checked and carry-on bags and should include your host family's address and telephone number. In addition, a colorful ribbon or sticker should be placed on your bag to make it easy to identify as yours in baggage claim.

CHECK IN AT THE AIRPORT

1. Unless you are specifically told otherwise, plan to check in at the airline ticket counter, not curbside or at electronic ticket kiosks.
2. Be sure to check in for your flight as soon as you arrive at the airport
3. Do not lock your suitcases, as they will need to be scanned at the airport. Use cable or zip ties (available at all hardware stores) to lock your checked bags once security officials have said it is acceptable to do so.
4. Inquire with the airline agent as to where you will be required to pick up your luggage. Baggage should be checked through to your first international arrival point, but it is important for you to check with the airline to be certain of this.
5. Once you have checked your bags, be sure to keep your printed luggage receipts with your passport and tickets.



GOING TO YOUR GATE

1. Only ticketed passengers are allowed through security. Be sure to say your goodbyes early so you have enough time to go through all checkpoints and get to your gate in plenty of time for your flight.
2. Keep your passport and boarding passes handy.
3. Do not joke about bombs or firearms. Do not discuss terrorism, weapons or explosives.
4. Cooperate fully with all airport security personnel, other airline or airport staff and law enforcement officers.
5. Travelers should be prepared to have their bags and persons searched and to remove their shoes, jewelry and belts when going through security checkpoints. You will be required to remove your Rotary blazer as well.

