

Airlines have a legal obligation to inform you about your rights if you are denied boarding or if your flight is cancelled or delayed.

What should you do if you believe your passenger rights have been infringed?

If you consider that your entitlements under air passenger rights legislation have been breached:

→ You should first contact the airline or - for issues related to persons with reduced mobility - the airport.

→ If you are not satisfied with their response, you can lodge a complaint with one of the National Enforcement Bodies (NEB). Full details of all the National Enforcement Bodies can be found on the European Commission's website: ec.europa.eu/transport/passengers/air/air_en.htm

NOTE: Complaints should in principle be filed in the country where the incident took place.

More information at ec.europa.eu/passenger-rights

or via Europe Direct
00 800 6 7 8 9 10 11*

* Certain mobile telephone operators do not allow access to 00 800 numbers, or these calls may be billed



List of National Enforcement Bodies (NEB) to contact regarding your air passenger rights (denied boarding, cancellation, delay) or as a disabled person or a person with reduced mobility (PRM)

BELGIUM

Direction générale
"Transport aérien"
Directoraat-generaal
"Luchtvaart"
+ 32 2 277 44 00
www.mobilif.fgov.be

BULGARIA

General Directorate
Civil Aviation Administration
Ministry of Transport
of the Republic of Bulgaria
+ 359 2 937 10 47
www.caa.bg

CZECH REPUBLIC

Úřad pro civilní letectví
Civil Aviation Authority
+ 420 225 422 726
www.ucl.cz/ / www.caa.cz

DENMARK

Statens Luftfartsvesen
Civil Aviation Authority
+ 45 3618 6000
www.slv.dk

GERMANY

Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA)
Civil Aviation Authority
+ 49 531 2355 115
www.lba.de

ESTONIA

Tarbijakaitseamet
Consumer Protection Board
+ 372 6201 708 / 736
www.consumer.ee

IRELAND

Commission
for Aviation Regulation
+ 353 (0) 1 661700
www.aviationreg.ie

GREECE

Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority
+ 30 210 891 6150
www.ypa.gr/ / www.hcaa.gr

> PRM issues

[related to airports]:
Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority
Airport Division
+ 30 210 8916424-413

SPAIN

Agencia Estatal
de Seguridad Aérea
Air Safety Agency
+ 34 91 597 8321 / 7231 / 5075
www.seguridadaerea.es

FRANCE

Direction générale
de l'aviation civile (DGAC)
Civil Aviation Authority
Fax + 33 1 58 09 38 45
www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr

ITALY

Ente nazionale
per l'aviazione civile
Civil Aviation Authority
+ 39 06 44596-1
www.enac.gov.it

CYPRUS

Department of Civil Aviation
+ 357 22 404150
www.mcv.gov.cy

LATVIA

Patērētāju tiesību
aizsardzības centrs
Consumer Rights
Protection Centre
+ 371 67388624
www.ptac.gov.lv

> For issues related to persons with reduced mobility:

Civilās aviācijas aģentūra
Civil aviation agency
+ 371 67830968
www.caa.lv

LITHUANIA

Civilinės Aviacijos Administracija
Civil Aviation Administration
+ 370 5 2739116
www.caa.lt

LUXEMBOURG

Direction du Marché Intérieur
et de la Consommation
Ministry of Economy
and Foreign Trade
+ 352 2478 4112
www.eco.public.lu

HUNGARY

Nemzeti Fogyasztóvédelmi
Hatóság
Hungarian Authority
for Consumer Protection
+ 36 1 459 4800
www.nfh.hu

> For issues related to persons with reduced mobility:

Egyenlő Bánásmód Hatóság
Equal Treatment Authority
+ 36 1 336 78 43
www.egyenlobanasmod.hu

MALTA

Department of Civil Aviation
+ 356 2122 2936
www.dca.gov.mt

THE NETHERLANDS

Inspectie Verkeer en Waterstaat
Transport and Water
Management Inspectorate
+ 31 884 890 000
www.ivw.nl

AUSTRIA

Bundesministerium
für Verkehr, Innovation
und Technologie
Federal Ministry of Transport,
Innovation and Technology
+ 43 1-711 6265/9204
www.bmvit.gv.at

POLAND

Urząd Lotnictwa Cywilnego
Commission on
Passengers' Rights
+ 48 (22) 520 74 84
www.ulc.gov.pl

PORTUGAL

Instituto Nacional
de Aviação Civil (INAC)
Civil Aviation Authority
+ 351 (21)842-3500
[www.inac.pt/vPT/Passageiros/
Paginas/Passageiros.aspx](http://www.inac.pt/vPT/Passageiros/Paginas/Passageiros.aspx)

ROMANIA

Autoritatea Națională pentru
Protecția Consumatorilor
National Authority
for Consumer Protection
+ 40 372 131 951
www.anpc.ro

SLOVENIA

Ministry of Transport
Directorate of Civil Aviation
Aviation Inspection Department
+ 386 1 478 82 01
[www.mzp.gov.si/en/areas_of_
work/civil_aviation/](http://www.mzp.gov.si/en/areas_of_work/civil_aviation/)

SLOVAKIA

Slovenská obchodná inšpekcia –
Slovak Trade Inspectorate
Ústredný inšpektorát –
Central Inspectorate
+ 421 2 58272 103 / 140
www.soi.sk

FINLAND

Kuluttajariitalautakunta
Consumer Disputes Board
+ 358 10 36 65200
www.kuluttajariita.fi

> For issues related to persons with reduced mobility:

Liikenteen turvallisuusvirasto Trafi
Finnish Transport Safety Agency
+ 358 20 618 500
www.trafi.fi

SWEDEN

Konsumentverket
Swedish Consumer Agency
+ 46 771 42 3300
www.konsumentverket.se
Allmänna reklamations-
nämnden (ARN)
National Board
for Consumer Complaints
+ 46 8 508 860 00
www.arn.se

> For issues related to persons with reduced mobility:

Swedish Transport Agency
Civil Aviation Department
+ 46 771 50 35 03

UNITED KINGDOM

Air Transport Users Council
+ 44 20 7240 6061
www.auc.org.uk
Civil Aviation Authority
+ 44 207 379 7311

> For issues related to persons with reduced mobility:

1. England
Equality and Human Rights
+ 44 8456 046 610
www.equalityhumanrights.com

2. Wales
Equality and Human Rights
+ 44 8456 048 810
www.equalityhumanrights.com

3. Scotland
Equality and Human Rights
+ 44 8456 045 510
www.equalityhumanrights.com

4. Northern Ireland
Consumer Council
for Northern Ireland
0800 121 60 22
www.consumerCouncil.org.uk

ICELAND
Flugmálastjórn Íslands
Civil Aviation Administration
+ 354 569 41 00
www.caa.is

NORWAY
Flyklagenemnda
Dispute Resolution Board
+ 47 2313 6990 / 2254 6000
www.flyklagenemnda.no

SWITZERLAND
Office Fédéral de l'Aviation Civile /
Bundesamt für Zivilluftfahrt
Federal Office for Civil Aviation
+ 41 31 325 95 96
www.bazl.admin.ch

AIR PASSENGER RIGHTS



Your rights as a passenger travelling by air



What you need to know

Your passenger rights



at hand



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

In case of issues related to **lost, delayed and/or damaged luggage**, you may wish to contact the **European Consumer Centre (ECC) in your country: ec.europa.eu/consumers/ecc/index_en.htm**

You may also wish to contact the **national consumer organisations: ec.europa.eu/consumers/empowerment/cons_networks_en.htm#national**

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Denied boarding? Cancellation? Long delay? Lost baggage?

Travelling by plane has taken off significantly since the early 1990s. However, this rapid growth has also led to some inconveniences, which have often affected passengers.

Faced with these developments, the European Union has been working since 1991 to guarantee basic rights for all passengers by developing EU legislation to apply in all European Union countries.

In February 2005, EC Regulation 261/2004 came into effect. This Regulation establishes common rules on compensation and assistance to air passengers in certain situations. This legislation applies to passengers departing from airports situated within the territory of a Member State and all those arriving into such airports from a third country where the flight is operated by an EU carrier.

Your rights when travelling by air include:

- the right to information;
- the right to reimbursement or re-routing if your flight gets cancelled or you are denied boarding; the right to reimbursement if your flight is delayed by five hours or more;
- the right to assistance and, under certain circumstances, the right to compensation in the event of long delay, cancellation or denied boarding;
- the right to complain and have access to means of redress;
- the right to travel in the same conditions as other citizens if you have a disability or a reduced mobility.

European legislation also stipulates who is responsible in the case of a long delay, death, injury or mishandled baggage to ensure you will always get what you are entitled to.

SUMMARY OF AIR PASSENGER RIGHTS



People with disabilities and people with reduced mobility

Under EU legislation people with disabilities and/or reduced mobility are protected from being discriminated against during reservation and boarding. They are also entitled to receive assistance at airports (on departure, on arrival and in transit) and on board airplanes. In order to facilitate the provision of assistance, it is recommended to pre-notify your needs.



Denied boarding

When passengers are denied boarding on a flight, airlines are obliged to first seek volunteers to give up their reservation in exchange for certain benefits. In addition, the air carrier must also offer volunteers the choice between a full refund and re-routing.

You may be entitled to compensation of between €125 and €600 depending on the distance of the flight and the delays experienced before being re-routed. Where volunteers choose re-routing, the airline must also provide assistance if necessary, for example - food, access to a telephone, a one or more night stay if necessary and transportation between the airport and the place of accommodation.



Cancellation

You are also entitled to identical compensation to that offered when you are denied boarding, unless you were informed of the cancellation at least 14 days before the flight, or you were rerouted close to your original times, or if the airline can prove that the cancellation was caused by extraordinary circumstances. In addition the airline must offer you the choice between

- reimbursement of your ticket within seven days;
- re-routing to your final destination under similar conditions;

and if necessary, care (phone call, refreshments, food, accommodation, transportation to the accommodation).



Long delays

You are entitled to care by the airline (phone call, refreshments, meal, accommodation, transportation to the place of accommodation) if the delay is

- two hours or more for flights of 1500 km or less;
- three hours or more for longer flights within the European Union or for other flights of between 1 500 and 3 500 km;
- four hours or more for flights of over 3 500 km outside the European Union.

If the delay is more than five hours, and you decide not to continue your journey, you are also entitled to have your ticket reimbursed and be flown back to where you originally started your journey.



If you get to your final destination with a delay of three hours or more, you may be entitled to identical compensation to that offered when your flight gets cancelled, unless the airline can prove that the delay was caused by extraordinary circumstances. Additionally, airlines can be held liable for damages resulting from delays.



Baggage

If your baggage is lost, damaged or delayed, you may be entitled to compensation limited to about €1 220. However, airlines shall not be liable if they have taken all reasonable measures to avoid the damages or it was impossible to take such measures.

For damaged baggage, you must lodge a claim to the airline within seven days of receiving your baggage. For delayed receipt of baggage, this period is a maximum of 21 days.



Identity of the airline

You must be informed, in advance, about which airline is operating your flight. Airlines found to be unsafe are banned or restricted within the European Union. They are listed at: ec.europa.eu/transport/air-ban/



Package holidays

The organisers and retailers of package holidays are obliged to provide precise, complete information about booked package holidays. They are obliged to honour contractual terms and to protect passengers in the event of insolvency. Package tour operators must give accurate information on the holiday booked, comply with contractual obligations and protect passengers in the case of the organiser's insolvency.



Price transparency

According to EU legislation, when you purchase a ticket for flights departing from EU airports, the applicable conditions should be made clear to you. The final price to be paid should be indicated at all times and it should include the applicable air fare, as well as applicable taxes, and charges, surcharges and fees which are unavoidable and foreseeable at the time of publication. It should also show you the breakdown between the fare, the taxes, the airport charges and finally the other charges, surcharges and fees. Optional price supplements should be communicated in a clear, transparent and unambiguous way at the start of the booking process and your acceptance of them should be on an "opt-in" basis.