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Are Young Children Really Safe While Flying? Making Air Travel Safe And Easy

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With the upcoming holidays, many people will be traveling with young children, especially on airplanes. To make your trip easier, Louie Delaware, **The Home Safety Guru™**, founder of **US Safety Pros**, states “Traveling has become a more difficult ordeal, especially with children. Delays, cancellations and bad weather have made the flying experience with your children very difficult. But if you take some time to plan it out, it will make your trip safer and easier for everyone.”

Louie’s recommendations include:

SAFETY ISSUES

1. **Bring Your Own Car Seats** – It is tempting to have a child that is under 2 years of age sit on your lap during your flight. But it is much easier for everyone if the child has their own seat and safer for him or her. It is very difficult, and most likely physically impossible, to hold a child during turbulence. All children less than 40 pounds should be in a car seat and older children in a booster seat. Make certain that yours has the designation “***This restraint is certified for use in motor vehicles and aircraft***” as many car seats do not have this. For best fit in aircraft seats, use a car seat that is less than 16” wide. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to make certain that the seat is properly installed with the airplane buckles.
2. **Don’t Use Car Seats From Car Rentals / Family & Friends** - Further, it is a good idea to bring your own car seat as even though you could have arranged for one with your rental car company, they can frequently run out of these during busy travel seasons, and you may not be happy with the condition of the seat once you get there. And don’t count on your family or friends to have a proper one for your child either.
3. **Oxygen Masks** – If during your flight the oxygen masks drop from above, put yours on first as you will quickly lose your ability to deal with the emergency. Once yours is properly on, put one on your child. What is not communicated is that if there is a sudden loss of cabin pressure that you will possibly lose consciousness within 15-20 seconds without oxygen. So it is very important that you can get yours on before dealing with your children’s mask. You will not be of any assistance to them if you pass out after putting theirs on before yours.

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MAKING TRAVEL EASIER AND LESS STRESSFUL

1. **Fly Non-Stop** - With all of the record delays that have occurred this year, it is best that you try to fly non-stop as much as possible. It is much easier to travel this way and will get to your destination in a less stressful manner.
2. **Tell The Airline You Are Traveling With Child That Will Be In A Car Seat** – Some airline companies will give you a discount for flying with a child that will be in a car seat.
3. **Seating Placement** – For the safety of other passengers, car seats are usually placed at window seats or the center of a wide row between two aisles. If traveling with a rear-facing car seat, you may want to consider requesting a bulkhead seat as these typically will have more space in front of the car seat.
4. **Allow For More Time** – Your travels will be a lot less stressful if you give yourself more time to get to your flight. Take breaks along the way. Don't rush as this will most likely only make things worse. Remember, every flight is a new experience for a child. Make it more fun for everyone. Also, remember if you don't have pre-assigned seats, make a point to get to the airport extra early to try to get everyone together.
5. **Bring Extras** – If you plan that there may be delays in your travels, you will make it much easier for everyone. Bring extra clothes, food, diapers, formula, and other goods that will keep your child entertained.

As Louie says, "A little up-front preparation can make everyone's travels all the better."

For more information and a complete list of Louie's 90% Safety Facts, go to www.USSafetyPros.com.



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