
Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by ceilidh - 2006/08/10 20:05

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by ceilidh - 2006/08/10 20:06

Anybody GOT a flight booked?:blush:

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by Boppler - 2006/08/10 20:44

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I haven't seen or heard anything about where/when exactly this was supposed to happen. And, the news that has come out so far indicates that not all of the terrorists involved have been captured.

The entire country is not on "high" alert. Yes, sometimes we do play into their hands but the alternative is not getting the news out.

Personally, I have 2 domestic flights planned this month, I am not going to let this stop me. I wouldn't let it stop me from flying internationally either.

Take this to a micro level - if there were savage, psychotic criminals plotting in your community, how much information would you want to have? How much would you expect your local law enforcement to do?

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by ceilidh - 2006/08/10 23:30

No, that wasn't my point! I meant that the terrorists...intend...to cause fright and chaos....that they get a "result" even IF the plans are foiled. Got two different "status of alert" statements in ONE press conference this morning!! From the lips of the Director of Homeland Security!! I sometimes think that the ...intent...is just to cause chaos and disruption...and how many airlines have folded due to that? I'm glad that you are not going to let that stop you taking your trips!! But, there have already been those interviewed who feel differently!

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by ceilidh - 2006/08/10 23:32

Thanks to whoever corrected my typo in the thread title!:)

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by grizzlys4 - 2006/08/11 01:21

Hey ceilidh.....

You are correct. I've been in the Emergency Services field for years, and we spent a lot of time learning about/preparing for terrorist threats on all levels. The intent to cause the chaos and confusion and the stopping of normalcy IS a huge agenda for them!!!

And while we most definitely need to be aware and cautious, media at times can overdramatize the threats.....or any event, really!!!

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by Tara - 2006/08/11 01:57

I had a 5 hour drive today and was listening to NPR and other talk shows and people who traveled today were calling in. They said things were crazy all across US airports. At first nobody knew why they couldn't carry on liquids.

Even though Terrorists didn't kill anybody today they still caused a lot of anxiety and fear. So in a sense they carried out a Terrorist act.

I am planning on flying in late October but am going to wait a bit before I make a final decision to actually book my flight.

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by Debby - 2006/08/11 11:46

One of my best friends is scheduled to fly with her husband today to Vegas to see the new Beatles show. Tomorrow is her birthday. I haven't spoken to her yet, but, I am sure she is taking it all in stride. I hate this happened just before her special trip, but, at least nothing horrible happened and for that I am grateful.

Last night on the news I saw an explosives expert talking about how you may make an explosive from liquid. Then he said that getting rid of the liquids on board was just one step ahead. He said you can also make explosives from DRY materials. He said it would be quite easy to put the dry material in a bottle of baby powder and transport it that way. I could hardly believe it. I mean if this man knows this, then terrorist explosives experts know it too.

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by MEW - 2006/08/11 18:13

I am also flying in late October....hopefully things will be alot better then!
My son who is 16 flew last month and he said that they doubled checked his bags.....I told him....better safe than sorry!

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by ceilidh - 2006/08/11 18:30

I am one who wishes that experts on news shows ...wouldn't...give details like that...just in case the terrorists hadn't "come up with that one yet!" Did you hear them say that they would not allow car key "remote fobs" on board either? They say they could be used as a transmitter...presumably to set off some sort of bomb. I would imagine lots of business travelers routinely use airport parking, and take their keys with them...so I wonder what you are then supposed to do with the fob...if you have not heard this bit of news before you reach the security checkpoint? Somehow, I don't think they would hold the plane until you ran back out to your car!!

I also worry about people who need to carry liquid medications...have they mentioned the protocol in that case? Will you

need to come armed with a prescription? Have to wait while they verify its authenticity? All "small" things, all causing delays and disruption!!! It used to be that the search was for sharp objects ...now, lotions are suspect!! Even baby powder as you said, Debby! :(

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by Debby - 2006/08/14 16:33

Ceilidh, I have many questions too. Who knows what the rules will be after everything is settled down, but, our airport says no liquids except for baby formula and medications.

They say you may be required to drink the baby formula as a test to make sure it is safe, but, that doesn't make sense, because a terrorist wouldn't care if he had to drink the formula, even if it killed him.

If you have medication, you must present a current prescription for that medication with written proof on the bottle that that is what the contents say they are. This is relevant to me because I must carry my insulin on board. I can't take a chance that it could be lost in my luggage. I also have concern for the temperature of the insulin during flight. The problem is that the label with the contents comes attached to the box the insulin comes in and not on the actual container. This could be a way someone could get by the rules. I also think that someone smart enough to make the explosive, would be bright enough to get a fake prescription for a medication. A better rule is to require those with liquid medications to call in advance if they must bring it on board and have the airlines do a check on each prescription. Of course then everyone must sign medical releases to satisfy HIPPA requirements. The paperwork will be enormous as will the cost. It all gives me a headache.

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by ceilidh - 2006/08/14 19:20

Debby....agreed, enormous headaches involved!! That's what I meant when I wrote that the terror mongers always get a result, whether their plots are "foiled" or not. They are probably rubbing their hands in glee as we "speak!" I'm glad to hear that rules are in place re medications, but that all takes time, and medical red tape to deal with...Oy! I do not fly as much these days, but I have to say that all the security measures ..already...in place made me just not want to go through the hassle. Of course, those flying on business trips don't have that option! As one who carries EVERY single thing I MIGHT need in hand baggage... (and that list gets longer the older I get)...and having been on a different plane than my luggage, more than once...it would probably have to be an emergency to make me consider flying right now!! As a Type2 diabetic, with peripheral neuropathy, in my feet, I don't relish the idea of taking my shoes off, either!! (No insulin, yet!)

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by Nadia - 2006/08/14 19:43

This is all so scary to hear. Hearing all this stuff that's happened and the latest it make me not want to fly. I'm just too scared to. It's kind of silly to say but I'm like one of those people that think that when I get on that plane something is bound to happen. It's been several months since I flown... and now I'm not sure if I want to for a while. It's one thing after the next! What are they going to come up with next..

Oh I don't want to think that there is but Sheeesh.
:(:angry:

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by ceilidh - 2006/08/14 20:01

(Why does you new av make me think of pie and chips!!!:P)

I was never crazy about flying either! Was already jumpy at the least little "unusual" noise!!! Once, a guy in the aisle seat opposite to mine seemed to be constantly lifting the lid of his briefcase, and peering in, as if he was checking on something...he was also sweating profusely...,and I was really getting anxious!! Then, I heard him asking the flight attendant about the altitude!!! I was starting to shake, petrified...then it became clear that he was a first time flier!!! DUH! I felt like a real twit, and spent the rest of the flight sending him reassuring smiles!! I shudder to think how I would do in the current climate... Oddly enough though, I wasn't as nervous the next time I flew...go figure!!

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by Debby - 2006/08/15 12:45

I have been trying to plan a trip to the west coast for some of my family to visit other family memeber we have there for over a year. Health issues and other family matters have caused us to postpone several times. Now, I don't know if I should keep trying. I don't know that the stress I would go through would be worth it, especially traveling with children.

Flying from NC, we would no doubt have a connecting flight either in Chicago, Atlanta or Dallas. I must carry on 2 different kinds of insulin in addition to a liquid enzyme that isn't insulin but helps it work. So I would have to explain three different kinds of liquids.

Has anyone driven from the east coast to Sacramento before? How long do you think that would take? No, I'm not kidding. I'm thinking of renting an RV, but, then you must consider the gas prices. MY, MY, MY!

Ceildh, I didn't know you were diabetic. I'm type I. I'd like to hear more about your situation. I may start a thread under the health section.

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Re:Anybody got a flight booked?

Posted by 1putter - 2006/09/07 21:33

:huh: this is probably a moot point now, but I was travelling (by air) the DAY after this threat came about, along with the new rules of travel and I have to say the airport I travelled through, (CA and Seattle) were both well prepared for the new rules and we moved quickly through the security process. Frankly, the only people who slowed down the process were those clueless few who apparently don't watch the news who tried to bring on fluids and had to get rid of them at the security line, thus slowing down the process. Otherwise, it was seamless.

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