Why are my Date of Birth and Gender required when I book a Flight?

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the United States Department of Homeland Security requires us to collect information from you for their Secure Flight program. The purpose of this program is watch list screening under the authority of 49 U.S.C section 114, and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004. Providing this information is voluntary; however, if it is not provided, you may be subject to additional screening or denied transport or authorization to enter a secure area.

TSA may share information you provide with law enforcement or intelligence agencies or others under its published system of records notice. For more on TSA Privacy policies, please see TSA's website at www.tsa.gov.

There are three required Secure Flight data elements: Last Name, Gender, and Date of Birth. Redress Number (if you have one) is optional. You must have this information in your PNR 72 hours in advance of travel. For reservations made within 72 hours of a flight,

TSA requires us to collect the information at the time of booking.

What if I refuse to provide my Date of Birth or Gender?

Passengers who decline to provide Secure Flight information to the airlines in advance of their travel place will face, at minimum, secondary screening and delays at the airport, and could be denied boarding.

What kind of ID is accepted at Airport Security Screening?

TSA's current screening procedures require all adult passengers (18 and over) to show a U.S. federal or state-issued photo ID that contains the following: name, date of birth, gender, expiration date, and a tamper-resistant feature to go through the checkpoint and onto their flight.

Please note: The name on your airline ticket must match the name on the government-issued ID that is presented at the airport.

Acceptable IDs include:

- U.S. passport
- U.S. passport card
- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) "Trusted Traveler" cards (NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST)
- U.S. Military ID (active duty or retired military and their dependents)
- Permanent Resident Card
- Border Crossing Card
- DHS-designated enhanced driver's license
- Drivers' Licenses or other state photo identity cards issued by Department of Motor Vehicles (or equivalent) that meets REAL ID benchmarks (All states are currently in compliance)
- A Native American Tribal Photo ID
- An airline or airport-issued ID (if issued under a TSA-approved security plan)
- A foreign government-issued passport
• Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) card
• Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC)

How do I know my personal information is safe?

TSA takes the security of personal information very seriously. The personal information TSA collects is protected by the highest set of security protocol standards established by the federal government. TSA regularly assesses and updates our cyber-security protocols and programs to ensure the protection of both public and private data sources. Passengers seeking redress should feel confident that their personal data will be protected and used only for its intended purpose.

For additional security, the Rearden Commerce Personal Assistant will hide your date of birth data so it is not visible on your screen for others to view. Your birth date is electronically and securely transmitted in to the travel reservation to comply with TSA requirements.

Before entering the Date of Birth data in to your travel profile, the boxes will be filled with dashes:

![Date of Birth (For Airport Security) - * - - - -](image)

Utilize the drop down menus to select your Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year):

![Date of Birth (For Airport Security) - February 25 1955](image)

Once you submit or save your Date of Birth, asterisks (**) will cover the actual data on your screen:

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Will the Secure Flight program change the way I travel?

No. Aircraft operators currently match passenger information against a watch list provided by TSA. Under Secure Flight, TSA will assume responsibility for this function from the airlines. The most significant change for the majority of passengers is that airlines will request additional information from a passenger when making a reservation. Secure Flight requires airlines to ask for the following information when a passenger makes a reservation: full name, date of birth, and gender. Providing the additional information will help prevent misidentification.