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Airlines Considering Locking Overhead Bins

Mixed Reactions From Passengers

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Brian MacKenzie-Teepell/USPA 24 News - Research has revealed that nearly half of passengers admit they would attempt to retrieve their carry-on luggage during an emergency evacuation rather than exiting the plane immediately.

That number is why IATA, the trade organization representing airlines globally and is now openly proposing a solution: securing the overhead bins during flight to prevent them from being opened, even in non-emergency situations.

IATA is launching an empowering initiative called "Leave Your Bag, Save a Life," inspiring passengers to prioritize safety and swiftly exit the aircraft, paving the way for a culture of proactive emergency response.

The FAA and Europe's EASA are both supporting the initiative. However, IATA's Nick Careen has emphasized that education is merely the first step. If passengers fail to modify their behavior, locked bins will be the next measure.

The numbers provide a clear explanation for why the industry is no longer making gentle requests. 80% of passengers assert that they are already aware of evacuation procedures. However, a mere 61% actually demonstrated a correct understanding of the protocol — which involves leaving luggage behind. The campaign also brings attention to the problem of passengers using their phones to record evacuations, thereby clogging the aisle and impeding others. Would you rather the airline industry restrict your access to your luggage, or is this the only means of changing this behavior?

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