

Media Advisory

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Airline Passengers Not Allowing Enough Time *Airlines Report Travelers Are Missing Flights*

Travelers to Will Rogers World Airport have become complacent in allowing enough time to park their car, check their bags, pass through the checkpoint and get to the gate. As a result, passengers are narrowly making their flights or missing them altogether.

As anticipated, flights are full with spring break traffic and security checkpoint lines are long, with some waits as long as 30 minutes at peak times (peak times are generally early morning and mid-afternoon to late afternoon.) However, this is not the only thing to factor in to your schedule. Many people forget to count parking the car or checking their bags into their time schedules.

Due to the fact that all flights are full out of Will Rogers and many connecting airports, if a traveler misses their flight, they may not be able to reschedule until next week.

The airlines, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the airport recommend that travelers arrive at the airport at least an hour and a half prior to departure.

A few things to remember:

- TSA has recently added additional screening procedures both at the checkpoint and at the gates. You may be asked to undergo a brief random procedure that you did not count on.
- Many people check in online and proceed directly to the security checkpoint, so the checkpoint line can quickly change to be very full.

More people are taking carry-on luggage which adds time to the screening process. Be sure to check the TSA website www.tsa.gov for ways to help you proceed through in the most efficient way.

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Will Rogers World Airport is owned and operated by the City of Oklahoma City Department of Airports. Will Rogers is the city's commercial airport and accommodates over three and a half million passengers each year. The airport services 21 nonstop markets with an average of 75 daily departures. Wiley Post and Clarence E. Page airports are also owned and operated by the City.

