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## "Know Before You Go" when flying for the holidays

With more than a million air travelers expected to pass through Las Vegas over the Christmas and New Year's travel periods, it's shaping up to be another busy holiday season at McCarran International Airport. But encountering a bustling airport won't always amount to a frustrating experience for travelers, particularly when they take time to "Know Before You Go," said Clark County Director of Aviation Randall H. Walker.

"We see tens of thousands of people pass through our doors each and every day, but the holiday season tends to bring to McCarran many individuals who seldom fly and are sometimes uncomfortable with the overall airport experience," Walker said. "The good news is that by following a few simple steps, even the most-inexperienced of travelers can come off like a veteran frequent flier. It's really just a matter of planning ahead and knowing what to expect well before you set out on your holiday journey."

Whether you're flying in or out of McCarran, or stopping by to pick up or drop off a friend or loved one, please pay attention to these simple guidelines to improve your experience at McCarran this holiday season.

## **Travel Tips**

- Find travel updates, airport shopping deals and other useful information at McCarran's Facebook & Twitter sites.
- Do not pack or bring prohibited items to the airport. Visit www.tsa.gov for a complete list.
- Liquids, gels and aerosols should be placed in checked luggage whenever possible. If those items must be personally carried through a security checkpoint, place them in containers sized 3 ounces or less, and within a one-quart, sealable clear plastic bag. Items that do not meet these specifications must be surrendered.
- Do not bring wrapped packages to security checkpoints. TSA screeners may need to inspect what's inside.
- Be prepared to show your boarding pass and valid photo identification at the security checkpoints.
- Carry-on is restricted to one bag and one personal item, which includes purses, laptops, briefcases and pillows.
- Only ticketed passengers are allowed to go through security checkpoints. To meet an unaccompanied minor or assist a disabled traveler, please visit your airline's ticket counter in advance to obtain written authorization.

## **Parking Tips**

- For 24-hour parking information please call McCarran's Parking Office at 261-5122.
- Additional details on airport parking, including maps, can be found online at www.mccarran.com.
- McCarran's Long-Term garage (maximum of \$14 per day) and Valet Parking (\$21) often fill to capacity during holiday periods. Call the Parking Office before heading to McCarran to learn where open spaces are available.
- An uncovered Economy Lot (\$8) is located off of Paradise Road, just south of Tropicana Avenue. McCarran's Remote Lot on Gilespie Street, just north of Warm Springs Road, is also available for additional parking needs.
- Travelers using uncovered lots should set aside 30 additional minutes to be shuttled to or from the airport.
- Short-Term parking and the passenger pick-up curb will also be busy around Christmas and New Year's. Before coming to the airport to pick someone up, check their flight's status at <a href="https://www.mccarran.com">www.mccarran.com</a> or by calling 261-4636.
- Travelers with Web-enabled cell phones can also obtain real-time flight information at www.flymccarran.com.
- After your trip, save time and pay for parking before you return to your car using an Express Exit kiosk.

