

About Gate Passes

A gate pass is a **security authorization that lets someone without an airline ticket enter the post-security gate area**—most often so they can accompany an unaccompanied minor, assist a traveler with special needs, or meet military or other loved ones on arrival.

If you are a person living with dementia and are flying alone, a caregiver or family member can usually get a gate pass from the airline desk and accompany you through security to the boarding gate or meet you at your arrival gate. Inform the airline accessibility line and/or the booking agent that you will be accompanied by someone who needs a gate pass. They will inform you about the airline procedures/policy for issuing a gate pass. This must be noted in the reservation for arriving flights, if you expect to be met by someone with a gate pass at your arrival gate.

What you should know about gate passes:

- **Gate passes: A non-ticketed companion can provide disability-related assistance for you at a domestic US airport.**
- Someone with a gate pass can assist you through security to your departure boarding gate or meet you at your arrival gate and assist you through baggage claim.
- Gate pass availability varies with airlines and airports. (See charts in [How to Get a Gate Pass at The Airport](#) .)
- A gate pass request must be made in-person at the ticket counter for departing flights and noted in the reservation for arriving flights. The person requesting the gate pass must go to the airline ticket counter to get the gate pass. They must bring a valid government issued photo ID.
- Issuance of gate passes is contingent upon security conditions at the time of travel. Gate passes may not be available at different times or locations.
- Gate-pass guests must use the regular TSA security lanes.
- Gate passes are not available for non-U.S. departures or for international arrivals to the U.S.
- Gate passes are free.
- To learn more about gate passes: [How to Get a Gate Pass at The Airport](#)