
Subject: Cellphone Signals Interfering Airplane Control

Posted by [Jazzy](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2019 02:05:38 GMT

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What is the truth behind the cell phones being turned off or set to flight mode during takeoffs and landings? If there is a cell phone interference with the controls, then why is it that it can be turned on during the flight?

Subject: Re: Cellphone Signals Interfering Airplane Control

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Thu, 07 Feb 2019 02:37:28 GMT

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Hi, As I understand it they are not likely to cause any problems. Modern nav and comms gear on aircraft are designed to not have sensitivities to anything a consumer device can legally emit. The reason I get from airline folks is they don't want you annoying other passengers.

Subject: Re: Cellphone Signals Interfering Airplane Control

Posted by [Junior](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2019 07:10:34 GMT

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[gofar99](#) wrote on Wed, 06 February 2019 20:37: The reason I get from airline folks is they don't want you annoying other passengers.

Good to know about this because my partner is afraid that the plane might crash due to the phones being used during takeoffs and landings. Now I would ask the airline folks how passengers using their phones during those times would annoy or irritate other passengers.

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Posted by [lilbill](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2019 18:55:33 GMT

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You know the first time I ever flew, I heard the flight attendant ask us to put our phones on flight mode yet no one went around to check if everyone was abiding. Just like [gofar](#) explains, there could be no real danger after all.

Subject: Re: Cellphone Signals Interfering Airplane Control

Posted by [Jazzy](#) on Wed, 13 Feb 2019 02:31:30 GMT

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There must be a reason for the airline companies to advise us to switch off the phones or set to flight mode during takeoffs and landings. I guess it is just a precaution that doesn't really affect the flight itself. If phone manufacturers have the flight mode in their cell phones, then there must be a need for that, which we don't really know.

Subject: Re: Cellphone Signals Interfering Airplane Control
Posted by [TheWanderer](#) on Fri, 01 Mar 2019 01:43:01 GMT
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There may have been a risk in the past, like with hospitals. You weren't allowed to have cell phones on at a hospital because the signals could interfere with the equipment. Heck, I noticed the other day when I was pumping gas, it said no cell phones beside the no smoking sign. :lol: I've never noticed that one before! Guess I'm unobservant.

Subject: Re: Cellphone Signals Interfering Airplane Control
Posted by [Reggie](#) on Sat, 16 Mar 2019 12:51:05 GMT
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I think there is no problem with precautions even though we don't know the reason for turning off the cellphones on airplanes, hospitals, or gas stations. Better be safe than sorry, as the saying goes.
