

restrained – MSS 1

Use any of the following words in a discussion with a partner about these pictures:

restrained
restrainable
restrainability
restrainingly
overrestrain
prerestrain
unrestrainable
restraint

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The Problem of Restraining an Unruly Passenger on a Plane

There have been incidences with passengers on airplanes who have become disruptive. What to do about them? Restraining an unruly passenger is subject to the laws of the country in which the plane is registered. The Tokyo Convention (1963) states that the captain of the plane is in charge of the situation and decides if the passenger should be restrained. Before landing, the captain must notify the authorities of that airport. The Montreal Convention (1971) states that it is the airline's responsibility to deal with the situation. As you can see, there is no one agreement regarding the treatment of unruly passengers.

Generally, the misbehavior is due to overdrinking alcoholic beverages. Many planes are furnished with restraint kits that include hand cuffs and plastic ties. However, there have been incidences where other passengers have been the ones to restrain a passenger who is being unreasonable in his/her behavior. One man was quoted as saying that the next time he flew on an airline, he was going to bring duct tape with him. He had obviously experienced being on a plane with an unruly passenger.

Discuss with your partner how you think airlines should handle unruly passengers. Should there be laws that would cover the misbehavior? Should other passengers get involved when there is an unruly passenger on a flight? Why or why not? How could these situations be prevented?

