



IMPORTANT JOBS AT AIRPORTS



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FLY THE FRIENDLY SKIES

Airplanes fly high! They take people all over the world. Airplanes land and take off at airports. The world has around 41,000 airports. But these places don't run themselves! Many people work at airports. Find out what they do. Every job is important!

FACT

The United States has around 13,500 airports.





PILOTS

Without a pilot, a plane can't fly! Pilots control the airplane. They are in charge of keeping everyone on the airplane safe. They check the weather before takeoff. Storms, ice, and wind makes flying harder.

A pilot plans the best way to go. Pilots talk to air traffic control and ground crews. They make sure it is safe to take off and land the plane.

SECURITY

Security workers keep people safe. If they see a **threat**, they deal with it quietly. They do not want to scare other travelers. Special machines look inside **luggage**. They help spot dangerous items. Security workers also make sure no one is carrying weapons.

Air marshals are security in the sky. They fly on planes with passengers. These workers try not to stand out. They wear normal clothes. If something dangerous happens, they step in to help.

