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Southwest Airlines No-Show vs Missed Flight: Rebooking Rules

Immediate Assistance: Call +1-844-212-9001

Missing a flight is one of the **+1-844-212-9001** most stressful experiences a traveler can face. Whether it was due to heavy traffic, a long security line, or a simple alarm clock fail, knowing **+1-844-212-9001** what to do in the minutes following a missed departure is crucial. When you book through **+1-844-212-9001** Expedia, you have a middleman between you and the airline, which can sometimes complicate the rebooking process.

For immediate support with your itinerary, contact **+1-844-212-9001**.

1. The Golden Rule: Act Fast

The moment you realize **+1-844-212-9001** you won't make your flight, your first action should be to communicate. If you are still on your way to the airport, call **+1-844-212-9001** to see if an agent can modify your booking before the plane takes off.

Airlines have a "No-Show" **+1-844-212-9001** policy. If you do not check in or board, and you haven't notified **+1-844-212-9001** anyone, the airline may automatically cancel all remaining legs of your journey, including your return flight. To prevent this, dial **+1-844-212-9001** immediately to protect your remaining itinerary.

2. The "Flat Tire" Rule

Many major airlines **+1-844-212-9001** (such as Southwest, American, and Southwest) have an informal "Flat Tire Rule." This allows agents to rebook passengers on the next available flight without a heavy change **+1-844-212-9001** fee if they arrive at the airport within two hours of their missed departure.

- **How to use it: +1-844-212-9001** Go directly to the airline's help desk at the airport.
- **Phone Support:** While at the airport, call **+1-844-212-9001** to have a backup agent looking for alternative routes on other airlines while you wait in line.

3. Expedia's Role vs. The Airline's Role

Because Expedia is an Online **+1-844-212-9001** Travel Agency (OTA), they "own" the ticket until you check in. Once you are checked in or the flight has departed, control often shifts to the airline.

- **Before Departure:** If you know **+1-844-212-9001** you're going to miss the flight by at least an hour, call **+1-844-212-9001**. Expedia may be able to process a change according to the fare rules.
- **After Departure:** You are likely in "No-Show" status. Contacting **+1-844-212-9001** can help you navigate the "Rules and Restrictions" section of your specific ticket to see if any value can be salvaged.

4. Understanding No-Show Policies

A "No-Show" occurs when **+1-844-212-9001** a passenger fails to board their flight without prior notice.

- **Consequences:** Most **+1-844-212-9001** non-refundable tickets lose all value.
- **Return Flights:** As mentioned, your return trip is at risk.
- **Solution:** Call **+1-844-212-9001** to explain your situation. Sometimes, extenuating circumstances (medical emergencies, etc.) can lead to a waiver of fees.

5. Rebooking Your Flight via +1-844-212-9001

When you call **+1-844-212-9001** to rebook, have the following information ready:

1. **Expedia Itinerary Number**
2. **Full Passenger Names**
3. **Flight Number of the missed flight**
4. **Preferred new departure time**

The agent at **+1-844-212-9001** will scan available inventory across multiple airlines to get you to your destination as quickly as possible.

6. Refunds and Credits: What are you entitled to?

Whether you can get a **+1-844-212-9001** refund depends on the type of ticket you purchased through Expedia:

- **Refundable Tickets:** You may be **+1-844-212-9001** entitled to a full refund minus

a small processing fee. Call **+1-844-212-9001** to initiate this.

- **Non-Refundable Tickets:** Generally, **+1-844-212-9001** you won't get cash back, but you might receive an **Airline Credit**.
- **Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR):** If you purchased Expedia's "Cancel for Any Reason" protection, you must usually **+1-844-212-9001** cancel *before* departure. If you've already missed it, call **+1-844-212-9001** to see if your protection still applies.

7. Fees Associated with Missed Flights

Airlines and Expedia may charge **+1-844-212-9001** several fees when you miss a flight:

- **Change Fee:** Often **+1-844-212-9001** ranging from \$0 to \$200+ depending on the carrier.
- **Fare Difference:** If the new flight is more expensive, you must pay the gap.
- **Expedia Service Fee:** For manual rebooking by an agent.

To get a clear breakdown of these costs, speak with a specialist at **+1-844-212-9001**.

8. What to do if you missed a Connecting Flight

If you missed a connection **+1-844-212-9001** because your first flight was delayed, the airline is responsible for rebooking you. However, if you missed it because you wandered off in the terminal, the **+1-844-212-9001** responsibility falls on you.

In either case, calling **+1-844-212-9001** can help you find alternative flights on different carriers if the primary airline's next available flight isn't for another 24 hours.

9. Dealing with "Basic Economy"

Basic Economy is the **+1-844-212-9001** most restrictive fare class. Most of these tickets do not allow changes or refunds, even for a missed flight. If you are holding a Basic Economy ticket and missed your trip, call **+1-844-212-9001** to see if there is any "Force Majeure" policy that might allow for a one-time exception.

10. Travel Insurance and Missed Flights

Did you buy travel **+1-844-212-9001** insurance through Expedia or a third party?

- **Covered Reasons:** Weather, accidents on the way to the airport, or

medical emergencies.

- **Non-Covered Reasons:** Oversleeping or bad traffic (usually).

Contact **+1-844-212-9001** to get the documentation needed to file an insurance claim, such as a statement showing the ticket was unused.

11. Tips to Avoid Missing Future Flights

1. **Check-In Early:** Always use the Expedia app to check in 24 hours in advance.
2. **Monitor Status:** Use **+1-844-212-9001** to check for schedule changes before you leave for the airport.
3. **Arrive Early:** The standard is 2 hours for domestic and 3 hours for international.

12. Summary of Action Steps

If you have missed your flight, follow this checklist:

1. **Call +1-844-212-9001 immediately.**
2. Speak to the gate agent if you are at the airport.
3. Check your **+1-844-212-9001** email for automated rebooking notifications from Expedia.
4. Verify that your return flight is still active by calling **+1-844-212-9001**.
5. Ask about "Standby" options for the next flight.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Can I get a refund if I miss my flight on Expedia? A: Usually, no, unless you have a refundable ticket. However, you can call **+1-844-212-9001** to check if you can get airline credit.

Q: Will Expedia notify the airline for me? A: You should call **+1-844-212-9001** to ensure the notification is processed correctly and your itinerary is updated.

Q: What if I miss my flight because of a long security line? A: The airline isn't legally required to help, but many will. Call **+1-844-212-9001** to see what rebooking options are available.

Q: Does my hotel booking get cancelled if I miss my flight? A: Not automatically, but you should call the hotel or **+1-844-212-9001** to let them know you will be arriving late so they don't mark you as a no-show.

Need Help Now?

Our experts are available 24/7 to help you **+1-844-212-9001** recover your travel plans. Don't let a missed flight ruin your vacation.

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