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Airports crack down on identification regulations

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Nick Kloiber is not your average traveler. He flies about once a month. And, when he does, he does something unthinkable to most of us. He refuses a routine security request.

He will not show Transportation Security Administration officers his identification.

"I shouldn't really have to show my ID to travel in my own country. I will gladly go through secondary screening to ensure that I am not a threat to anybody. But as for who I am, that's really none of their business," Kloiber said.



Traveler Nick Kloiber says he refuses to show identification.

Under current TSA policy, a traveler does not have to show an ID if they are willing to undergo a more intense security search.

But that changes on Saturday. Passengers who "willfully refuse" to provide identification at checkpoints will no longer be allowed to fly.

"We need to be able to stop somebody who we know is a terrorist from getting on the plane. It's not too much to ask, to say, just tell us who you are," Kip Hawley with TSA said.

Civil liberties advocates say U.S. citizens shouldn't have to show documents to travel within their own country.

"The TSA is incrementally chipping away at the freedoms that Americans have and the freedoms that we're talking about here are the fundamental right to travel," Jim Harrison of [The Identity Project](#) said.

Although airlines check travelers' names against the terror watch list, the TSA said its document examinations provide another layer of security and turn up people traveling with fake IDs every week.



"To us it's not a philosophical argument, there are people trying to do harm, take down planes and we can't let them have a vulnerability," Hawley said.

People who say their IDs have been lost or stolen can still fly if they give the TSA information that will help verify their identity.

But critics say a clever terrorist could bluff their way through security and still get on an airplane.



Beginning Saturday, stricter identification rules will be enforced.

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