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I had to fly from Minneapolis to Los Angeles recently, and like most travelers, I've almost memorized the standard **safety announcement** made by the **flight attendants**. It goes something like this:

Good afternoon and welcome to Flight 345, **service to** Los Angeles International Airport. We appreciate your full attention to this important safety announcement. This 747 **aircraft** is equipped with four **emergency exits**, two in the front of the plane and two in the **aft**. Be sure to identify the nearest exit to you, which may be behind you. If the plane should **lose pressure**, an **oxygen mask** will drop from the **compartment** above your seat. Reach up, pull down on the mask until the **tubing** is fully **extended**. Place the mask over your nose and mouth, **secure it** with the **elastic band** and breathe normally.

Passenger **seat cushions** on this aircraft may be used as a **flotation device** and detailed instructions may be found on the safety information card in the **seat pocket** in front of you. Smoking is not permitted at any time while **on board** this aircraft. Also, federal law prohibits **tampering, disabling**, or destroying these **detectors** in the **lavatories**. Your **compliance** with all **crew member** instructions, all **placards**, and lighted seat belt and no smoking signs is required.

The following electronic devices may not be used during **takeoff** or **landing**: portable compact disk players, portable computers, and **cellular** phones which should be in the **off position** and **stowed**. Now in preparation for takeoff, please **fasten your seatbelt**, return your **seatback** and **tray tables** to the full **upright** and **locked** position. Your **carry-on luggage** must be stowed in the **overhead compartments** or underneath the seat in front of you. On behalf of all Mar Vista Airline employees, we'd like to thank you for selecting us today. We hope you enjoy your flight.