

# Smoking Samsung Galaxy causes plane evacuation in Kentucky

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The FAA strongly advised Samsung Galaxy owners not to fly with the defective devices. (GREG BAKER/AFP/GETTY IMAGES)

A smoking Samsung Galaxy caused an evacuation of passengers attempting to board a flight at a Louisville, Ky. airport. The defective device overheated and emitted smoke in the cabin while travelers boarded a Southwest Airlines flight around 10:50 a.m. Wednesday, [WAVE 3 News reported](#).

"I was sitting at the front of the plane and I noticed a flight attendant coming quickly down the aisle saying...there's smoke on the plane," passenger Misty Whitaker told the local network.

"Leave all of your bags on the plane and come forward in an orderly fashion...They said it was a Samsung Galaxy. The last they told us while we were waiting was that the fire had burned through the carpet," she said.

All passengers of the Baltimore-bound flight were safely evacuated and no one was injured, according to a statement from the airline.

"Customers will be accommodated on other Southwest flights to their final destinations. Safety is our top priority at Southwest and we encourage our Customers (sic) to comply with the FAA Pack Safe guidelines," the statement read.



Samsung recalled millions of Samsung Galaxy Note 7 devices after reports that the phones would catch fire while charging. (JANNIS MATTAR/EPA)

Arson investigators confirmed that the source of the smoke was a Samsung Galaxy, the same device that has been recalled for overheating batteries.

Last month, the Federal Aviation Administration “strongly” advised Samsung Galaxy Note 7 owners to not turn on the phones on airplanes because they are a safety hazard.

Many airlines now make in-flight announcements telling passengers not to use the Galaxy Note 7 devices while on board.

The FAA warning came just after Samsung, a South Korean company, recalled millions of the Galaxy Note 7 smartphones worldwide due to reports that their batteries would catch fire while charging.

Major retailers like Amazon and Best Buy and cellphone carriers stopped selling the smartphones, according to CNN Money.