

Nev. driver's licenses may be invalid for air travel

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If you renew your Nevada driver's license by mail, beware: Soon, you won't be able to use it to board an airplane.

As of November, only licenses renewed in person at the Department of Motor Vehicles are recognized for federal use. That means expired licenses renewed by mail can't be used to access federal facilities, as of October won't work at military facilities, and beginning in 2016, won't be accepted to board commercial aircraft.

Why the change? In 2005, Congress passed the Real ID Act, a federal law designed to combat terrorism and identity theft by standardizing how state IDs are issued. The law set basic criteria for receiving a driver's licence or identification card, such as which documents states may accept as proof of identity and residency.

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