



Airport Security & Awareness

See Something, Say Something – Challenge for ID

In this issue of Inside Choice Aviation, I want to discuss how airport security is all our responsibility. Whether you work on the ramp, in the warehouse, at the gate, or in the office, maintaining a secure environment begins with awareness and the confidence to take action when something doesn't look right.

Under Transportation Security Administration (TSA) regulations and airport security programs, access to secured areas is strictly controlled. Only properly badged and authorized individuals are permitted beyond security checkpoints, onto the ramp, into baggage make-up areas, cargo facilities, and other restricted zones.

A secure airport environment depends on every employee following these rules and speaking up when something appears out of place.



Why Challenging for ID Matters

Challenging someone for identification is **not about confrontation** — it is about **protection**. Be proactive, but mindful of your approach.

When We

- Verify airport-issued ID badges.
- Ensure the identification badge is properly displayed **above the waist and clearly visible at all times** while on airport property.
- Confirm escort procedures are being followed.
- Question individuals in secured areas without visible credentials.

We help prevent:

- Unauthorized access
- Security breaches
- Potential safety incidents
- Regulatory violations that could result in fines or loss of operating privileges

A single lapse in access control can have serious consequences for the entire station.

What “Challenge” Really Means

Challenging is simple, respectful, and professional.

1. Politely ask to see an airport ID if it is not visible.
2. Confirm the badge matches the individual.
3. If someone states they are being escorted, verify the escort is present and properly badged.
4. If something feels unusual, immediately notify a supervisor or airport security.

Remember: If you do not know them, you must challenge them. Even if you recognize the person but cannot see a badge, you are still required to verify identification.

It's About Culture – Not Conflict

Creating a strong security culture means supporting one another. No one should feel offended when asked to show identification. In fact, being challenged means the system is working exactly as it should. Here are polite worded examples you can use:

These phrases maintain a **professional tone while reinforcing security expectations.**

These simple interactions reinforce compliance and demonstrate vigilance.

- “Good evening. May I please see your airport badge?”
- “For security purposes, could you please verify your identification?”
- “Good afternoon. Who is serving as your escort today?”
- “Excuse me, I noticed your badge is not visible. Could you please display it above the waist?”
- “For compliance with airport security requirements, may I confirm your ID?”

Stay Alert. Stay Compliant.

Security awareness is not just a requirement — it is a mindset. Every shift, every task, every location.

Your actions help protect:

- Your coworkers
- Passengers
- Aircraft
- Airport operations
- Our company

If you see something unusual or identify an access control issue, report it immediately. **It is always better to speak up.**

Security is everyone's responsibility — and it starts with you.