European Union Aviation Safety Agency

Emergency evacuations

Regarding emergency evacuation, do you think safe and normal the policy of low cost company that separates wife and husband or family and kids older than 12?

Answer

EASA is not aware of any policies that forecast intentional separation of kids and parents in commercial aviation. Beyond this statement, specific policies for special categories of passengers fall into the remit of EASA Air Operation regulations.

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If experience shows that passengers are evacuating with carry-on items, why not creating a requirement to implement an auto-lock of the overhead storage?

Answer

This option was investigated and considered among several options but not deemed as the preferred one. This option might lead to even extra delay time due to passengers trying to force the overhead storage. One option might be to directly separate the passengers from their baggages, by placing all baggages in the cargo compartment, for instance.

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