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Myth or fact: flight mode is all it takes to use your phone on a plane

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- [ ] **Turn on flight mode before the doors close.** Virgin Australia requires it once the last door has closed; Qantas asks for it once you're on board.
- [ ] **Check Bluetooth after you switch to flight mode.** An iPhone leaves Bluetooth on, and Pixel phones remember radios you turned back on last time. Ask the crew before using Bluetooth earbuds.
- [ ] **Switch Wi-Fi back on only for the airline's network.** Turn it on after flight mode to use Qantas Wi-Fi or Virgin Australia's wireless entertainment.
- [ ] **Skip voice and video calls in the air.** Qantas doesn't permit them on its flights, and CASA says mobile phone functions can't be used in flight.
- [ ] **Stow laptops for taxi, take-off and landing.** Put them under the seat in front or in the overhead locker; anything over 1 kg goes in the locker or wherever the crew directs.
- [ ] **Pack power banks in your carry-on, two at most.** Check each one's watt-hour rating; Qantas bans power banks over 100Wh from 1 January 2027.
- [ ] **Leave power banks unused during the flight.** Qantas and Jetstar ban using or charging them on board, and Virgin Australia says they can't charge other devices on board.

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