Security slightly relaxed after 9-

AVIATION SECURITY SINCE SEPT. 11 A journey through airspace and time

Every aspect of the nation's aviation system felt shockwaves from Sept. 11. Many effects were lasting, such as heightened airport security and reinforced cockpit doors. Other precautions were eased gradually over time.

Sept. 13 – National airspace reopens to commercial aviation.

Sept. 14 – Airspace reopened to private planes flying under instrument flight rules, which require flight plans to be filed with the Federal Aviation Administration. Because most private planes normally fly under visual flight rules, navigating by landmarks on the ground, the vast majority of private planes remain grounded. Other restrictions include no-fly zones within 25-nautical miles of New York and Washington, D.C.

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Oct. 4 – Reagan National Airport reopens with restrictions.
Oct. 15-24 – The airspace over major metropolitan areas is gradually reopened to private planes flying under visual flight rules:
15 – Houston; Kansas City, Mo.; New Orleans; Memphis, Tenn.; St. Louis.
16 – Cleveland; Dallas; Honolulu; Minneapolis; Phoenix.
17 – Charlotte, N.C.; Cincinnati; Salt Lake City; Seattle; Tampa, Fla.
22 – Atlanta; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; Miami; San Francisco.
23 – Denver; Detroit; Philadelphia; Pittsburgh; San Diego.
24 – Chicago; Orlando, Fla.
Oct. 26 – Flight schedules at Reagan National are increased to allow travel to 17 additional cities.
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miles of 86 nuclear plants.

Nov. 19 – President Bush signs aviation security bill, which includes federal control over screening and more air marshals on flights.

Dec. 19 - The FAA discontinues post-Sept. 11 restrictions in what is referred to as "enhanced Class B airspace" around 30 metropolitan areas Iso, general aviation aircraft including blimps and news helicopters are

allowed to return to the sky. Feb. 1 – Ten more cities added to the flight schedules at Reagan National.

area to reopen.

April 15 – Reagan National restored to virtually full service.

April 24 – No-fly zone around Camp David reduced from eight nautical

SOURCES: Associated Press; FAA; Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

CHICAGO (AP) — Small planes can fly again over the nation's tallest building. Picnics are back along the Mississippi River. But visitors still must pass through metal detectors to reach Liberty Island, home of the Statue of Liberty.

Seven months after the nation tightened security in response to the terrorist attacks, some measures have been quietly dropped, while others have been woven into the fabric of a new, more cautious life in the United States.

Fewer soldiers are stationed at airports and state capitols, but the long lines of travelers, extra metal detectors and bag searches remain. Parking restrictions have been lifted at some government buildings, but the temporary concrete barriers set up around them after Sept. 11 have been replaced by enormous, permanent planters.

The American public seems to have changed, too. People who initially bristled at the inconvenience and intrusiveness of personal searches now accept them as part of the daily routine as they enter their workplaces.

When Justin Stein, a security guard at the Chicago Mercantile bags and briefcases lastfal expressed annoyance even left the building in

But as the weeks said, "they started to a our efforts, and peop realizing it could easi

us that were killed." Across the country, cials have refined their es to security since their

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from the front steps of the scho crying Denise Hoffman, 15. I want to stay in this school

On Friday, 19-year-old form student Robert Steinhald sneaked into the Gutent school with a 9 mm pis donned black clothes and an and fatally shot 13 teachers. teenage students and a police before killing himself.

In Berlin, Schroeder for tightening gun laws, ing raising the legal age fo ing weapons from 18 to 21 preventing people from ing weapons they are not q fied to carry. Schroeder so planned to meet state go this week to discuss the top

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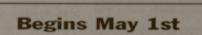
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