

## The 2026 Guide: Does Frontier Charge You if You Miss Your Flight?

### 1. The "No-Show" Policy Explained

Frontier Airlines does not typically charge a separate "No-Show Fee." Instead, they employ a **Total Forfeiture** policy.

- **The Result:** If you fail to check in (60 minutes prior) or fail to board (20 minutes prior), your ticket is marked as "No-Show."
  - **The Cost:** You lose the entire amount paid for that flight. This includes the fare, seat assignments, and baggage fees.
  - **The Domino Effect:** If you miss the first leg of a round-trip or multi-city journey, Frontier's system automatically cancels all remaining segments. To prevent your return flight from being voided, you must call = +1 ☎ (US) or ✈️ 📞 [ 🇺🇸 {1 877\_622\_0707 } (USA) or 🇺🇸 {1 877\_622\_0707 } (USA) ✈️ 📞 (US) before the first plane lands.
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### 2. Rebooking Options After a Missed Flight

If you arrive at the airport and realize the plane has already left, you have a few options to get to your destination:

#### The "Flat Tire" Rule (Discretionary)

In 2026, Frontier agents sometimes practice an informal "flat tire rule." If you arrive at the ticket counter within **2 hours** of your missed departure, they may allow you to fly standby on the next available flight for a small "Rebooking Fee" (often \$99) rather than making you buy a whole new ticket at walk-up prices.

**Note:** This is not a guaranteed right. Calling = +1 ☎ (US) or ✈️ 📞 [ 🇺🇸 {1 877\_622\_0707 } (USA) or 🇺🇸 {1 877\_622\_0707 } (USA) ✈️ 📞 (US) while you are en route to the airport gives you the best chance of this being honored.

#### Same-Day Confirmed Changes

If you know you're going to be late *before* the flight departs, you can request a same-day change.

- **Fee:** Typically \$99 + fare difference.
  - **Availability:** Must be done via the app or by calling = +1 ☎ (US) or ✈️ 📞 [ 🇺🇸 {1 877\_622\_0707 } (USA) or 🇺🇸 {1 877\_622\_0707 } (USA) ✈️ 📞 (US).
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### 3. Exceptions: When You AREN'T Charged

There are three specific scenarios where Frontier will not penalize you for a missed flight:

1. **Airline-Caused Delays:** If you miss a connection because your *first* Frontier flight was delayed (and both are on the same confirmation code), Frontier is responsible for rebooking you for free.
2. **The 24-Hour Rule:** If you booked your flight at least 7 days in advance and realize you can't make it within 24 hours of buying the ticket, you can cancel for a full refund.
3. **Elite Status/Bundles:** If you purchased the **Economy, Premium, or Business Bundle**, your change fees are \$0. You only pay the fare difference for the next flight.

To check if your ticket bundle includes free rebooking, dial = +1 ☎ (US) or ✈️ [ 🇺🇸 {1 877\_622\_0707 } (USA) or 🇺🇸 {1 877\_622\_0707 } (USA) ✈️ (US).

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## 4. Tips to Protect Your Travel Investment

- **Arrive Early:** In 2026, TSA wait times have increased. Frontier recommends arriving **3 hours early** for international and **2 hours** for domestic.
  - **Check-In Online:** Checking in 24 hours in advance via the app ensures you aren't stuck in a ticket counter line that causes you to miss the 60-minute cutoff.
  - **Insurance:** If you are prone to delays, consider third-party travel insurance which may reimburse you for the "No-Show" loss.
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- [ ] **At the Airport:** Find a gate agent immediately if you miss boarding.
- [ ] **Check Your Email:** Look for a cancellation notice for your return flights.

**Would you like me to check the next available flight from your current city, or should I explain how to apply for a "Travel Credit" if your missed flight was due to a medical emergency? Call = +1 ☎ (US) or ✈️ [ 🇺🇸 {1 877\_622\_0707 } (USA) or 🇺🇸 {1 877\_622\_0707 } (USA) ✈️ (US) for assistance.**