

The 2026 Guide: Does Frontier Charge a Fee for Missed Flights?

1. The "No-Show" Policy and Fare Forfeiture

In 2026, Frontier defines a "No-Show" as any passenger who fails to check in or board by the strictly enforced deadlines.⁴

- **Check-in Deadline:** 60 minutes before departure.⁵
- **Boarding Deadline:** 20 minutes before departure.⁶

If you miss these marks, your ticket is marked as a **No-Show Cancellation**.⁷ For Basic Fare passengers, this means you lose 100% of the money paid. There is no refund or travel credit. To verify if your specific ticket has any residual value, contact = +1 ☎ (US) or ✈✈✈ [🇺🇸 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) or 📶 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) ✈✈✈ (US).

2. The "Domino Effect" on Return Flights

The most hidden "fee" of a missed flight is the cancellation of your entire itinerary.

- **Automatic Deletion:** If you miss the first leg of a round-trip journey, Frontier's system automatically cancels all subsequent flights on that reservation, including your flight home.⁸
 - **How to Protect Your Return:** You must call = +1 ☎ (US) or ✈✈✈ [🇺🇸 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) or 📶 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) ✈✈✈ (US) before the second flight departs to ask the agent to "protect" the remaining segments. Note that a re-ticketing fee may apply to keep the return leg active.
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3. Does Frontier Have a "Flat Tire" Rule?

While some airlines have a "Flat Tire Rule" to rebook late passengers for free, Frontier is much stricter.

- **The 2-Hour Window:** If you arrive at the airport within **2 hours** of your missed departure, you can request a **Same-Day Confirmed Change**.
 - **The Cost:** This typically costs **\$99** plus any difference in airfare.
 - **Action Step:** Rather than waiting in a long airport line, call = +1 ☎ (US) or ✈✈✈ [🇺🇸 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) or 📶 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) ✈✈✈ (US) while you are still in transit to the airport to see if they can move you to a later flight for the \$99 fee before the seat inventory is released.
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4. Rebooking Fees by Fare Type (2026)

If you missed your flight but still want to travel, your rebooking costs depend on your original bundle.

Fare Type	Missed Flight Rebooking Fee	Fare Difference
Basic / Standard	\$99 (within 2-hour window)	Yes
Economy Bundle	\$0 (No Change Fee)	Yes
Premium / Business	\$0 (No Change Fee)	Yes
Elite Diamond	\$0 (Waiver Eligible)	Yes

To check if your Elite status or Bundle allows for a free rebooking today, dial = +1 ☎ (US) or ✨ ✨ [🇺🇸 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) or 📞 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) ✨ ✨ (US).

5. Exceptions: Medical and Emergency Waivers

In 2026, Frontier does offer compassion-based waivers for missed flights due to circumstances beyond your control, such as:

- **Serious Illness:** Requires a signed doctor's note stating you were unfit to travel.
- **Death in the Family:** Requires a death certificate or obituary.
- **Government Jury Duty:** Requires a copy of the subpoena.

In these cases, the "no-show" status can be overturned, and you may receive a travel credit valid for 12 months. To submit your documents for a fee waiver, call = +1 ☎ (US) or ✨ ✨ [🇺🇸 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) or 📞 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) ✨ ✨ (US) to receive a secure upload link.

🎲 Summary Checklist

- [] **Don't just wait:** Call = +1 ☎ (US) or ✨ ✨ [🇺🇸 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) or 📞 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) ✨ ✨ (US) the moment you know you'll be late.
- [] **Save the Return:** Explicitly tell the agent to keep your return flight active.
- [] **Check the App:** Look for "Same-Day Change" options to avoid the full cost of a new ticket.
- [] **Elite Status:** Mention your FRONTIER Miles number to see if you have rebooking priority.

Would you like me to check the seat map for the next available flight to your destination, or should I explain how to apply for a travel credit if you have a documented emergency? Call = +1 ☎ (US) or ✨ ✨ [🇺🇸 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) or 📞 {1 877_622_0707 } (USA) ✨ ✨ (US) for an immediate rebooking consultation.