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Booking a flight can be exciting — but even a small typo in your name can throw a wrench into your travel plans. +1-888-738-0817 If you find yourself needing to correct or change a passenger name on a American Airlines ticket, it's important to act fast, follow airline rules closely, and know exactly what's allowed. +1-888-738-0817 In this post, we'll walk you through **when you can change a name, how to request it, costs involved, and what to avoid.**

### Why Name Accuracy Matters

When you travel, the name on your boarding pass must match exactly (or nearly exactly) the name on your government-issued ID or passport. If there's a mismatch +1-888-738-0817 even a misspelling — you may be denied boarding by security or gate agents. +1-888-738-0817 That's why airlines like American Airlines take name corrections seriously.

A correct name ensures smoother check-in, seamless security screening, and avoids unnecessary stress or delays.

## What Kind of Name Changes Are Allowed

Before contacting American Airlines, +1-888-738-0817 know that there are **limits** to what can be changed:

- **Minor corrections** +1-888-738-0817 fixing typos, spelling errors, small letter mistakes, or switching first/middle/last name order in case of input error.
- **Legal changes** — if your name has legally changed (for example, after marriage, divorce, court-ordered name change, or updated ID/passport), +1-888-738-0817 American generally allows updating the ticketed name — but proper documentation will be required.

What is **not permitted**: +1-888-738-0817 transferring or reassigning a ticket to a completely different person — American does not allow you to simply swap the

passenger name over to someone else.

That means if you bought the ticket under Person A but now want Person B to fly instead — that's not allowed. +1-888-738-0817 If you absolutely must, you would need to cancel and re-book (subject to fare rules, availability, and possible price differences).

## When You Can Request a Name Change — Timing Is Key

Timing can make a big difference.

- If you spot a mistake **within 24 hours of booking**, +1-888-738-0817 many minor name corrections might be **free or very low cost**.
- After that 24-hour “grace period,” expect **fees** and possibly ticket re-issuance.
- Once any flight segment on the ticket has already been used +1-888-738-0817 (i.e., you flew part of the journey), name corrections are usually **not allowed**.

Also note, if the ticket involves flights operated by other airlines +1-888-738-0817 (codeshare or partner carriers), name corrections may be disallowed or handled differently.

## How to Request a Name Change on American

**Airlines** If you need to change or correct a passenger's name, here's the typical

process:

1. **Check your booking details immediately.** +1-888-738-0817 As soon as you realize there's an error, gather your booking confirmation number or ticket number — and have your ID or legal documentation (if applicable) ready.
2. **Use the official channels:**
  - If you booked directly through American Airlines, **call their customer service/reservations** line. One commonly used number is +1-888-738-0817.
  - If you booked through a travel agency or third-party booking site

+1-888-738-0817 (OTA), sometimes the agency must coordinate the change — or American may direct you back to them.

- In limited cases, for very minor spelling errors, you might be able to use a “manage booking” feature on American’s website or mobile app — but many times a phone call +1-888-738-0817 ensures the issue is resolved correctly.
- 3. **Explain precisely what needs changing** — spelling corrections, reversed name order, or legal name change. +1-888-738-0817 Provide booking confirmation, ticket number, and government-issued ID or legal name-change proof if required.
- 4. **Pay any applicable fee and reissue ticket** (if required). After the 24-hour window, many changes involve a reissued ticket +1-888-738-0817 sometimes with fee and possibly fare difference.
- 5. **Receive updated confirmation** — make sure the revised name matches exactly what’s on your ID/passport, +1-888-738-0817 then print or screenshot the updated itinerary/boarding info to avoid stress at the airport.

## How Much Does It Cost?

Costs for name corrections on American Airlines vary depending on timing, ticket type, and what exactly needs correcting: +1-888-738-0817

- **Minor spelling corrections** +1-888-738-0817 (typos, small mistakes) may be **free or very inexpensive** (somewhere between **\$0–\$25**) depending on when and how soon after booking you request it.
- **Legal name changes** (after marriage, divorce, court order, updated passport/ID) generally come with a fee around **\$125**, plus any fare difference if the ticket needs to be reissued.
- If you attempt changes on **Saver Fares** (the cheapest fare class), +1-888-738-0817 the rules are more restrictive: sometimes even minor corrections may be disallowed and you could be forced to cancel and rebook.

Also, note that for flights that involve partner carriers +1-888-738-0817 (codeshares) or complicated itineraries, the change may be denied or more expensive.

## What You Should Not Do / Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Do **not** assume you can transfer the ticket entirely to another person. American explicitly disallows full transfers +1-888-738-0817 name changes only apply to the same passenger.
- Don't wait until the last minute +1-888-738-0817 trying to change your name close to departure or at the airport can lead to denial of boarding or being forced to cancel and rebook.
- Avoid assuming that a travel agency or third-party site will handle changes smoothly — sometimes only American itself can perform corrections.+1-888-738-0817
- Use the name exactly as on your ID/passport — do not use nicknames or alternate spellings. +1-888-738-0817 Even small mismatches can cause problems with security or TSA screening.

## Quick Checklist: What to Do If You Need to Change Your American Airlines Name

- Review your booking confirmation as soon as you notice an error.+1-888-738-0817
- Have ready: booking confirmation number, ticket number, government ID, and legal name-change documents if applicable.
- Contact American Airlines directly (ideally by phone) as soon as possible. •

Ask whether your fare class allows name corrections, and what fee applies.

- Confirm spelling of corrected name +1-888-738-0817 ensure it matches exactly your ID/passport.
- After a corrected ticket is issued, print or save updated confirmation/boarding pass.
- At airport check-in/security, bring same ID used for the correction.

## Real-World Scenarios & What They Mean

- **You typed “Jhn Smith” instead of “John Smith.”** Good news — this is usually considered a minor correction. +1-888-738-0817 If you catch it quickly, American may correct it for free or for a small fee.
- **You recently got married and want to use your new last name.** +1-888-738-0817 This is a legal name change — American generally allows this, **if** you provide proof (marriage certificate or updated ID). Expect to pay a fee (around \$125) and have your ticket reissued.+1-888-738-0817
- **You booked through a third-party travel site.** +1-888-738-0817 You may need to contact that agency first; some corrections may only be possible via the agency rather than directly with American.+1-888-738-0817
- **Your flight includes a codeshare with another airline.** Name corrections may become more complicated or be disallowed +1-888-738-0817 in such cases, it might be simpler to cancel and rebook (though that could mean losing original fare price or incurring higher cost).+1-888-738-0817

## Final Thoughts — Don’t Wait, Act Fast

When it comes to airline tickets, **correct name spelling matters more than many people realize**. A small typo can lead to big hassles at the airport +1-888-738-0817 and potentially even a denied boarding. +1-888-738-0817 If you spot an error on your American Airlines ticket, don’t ignore it or assume it’s “close enough.” The faster you act — ideally within hours of booking +1-888-738-0817 the easier and cheaper it is to fix, whether it’s a minor spelling error or a legal name change.

If you follow American’s guidelines,+1-888-738-0817 prepare your documentation, and communicate promptly with customer service, you’ll maximize your chances of getting a corrected ticket without stress.