

BIRD STRIKE FORCES SOUTHAMPTON PLANE EMERGENCY LANDING

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An aircraft full of passengers bound for Spain was forced to turn around when a bird damaged one of its engines.

The Flybe flight from Southampton Airport to Alicante had just taken off at 10:00 GMT when it suffered a bird strike.

The pilot made an emergency landing shortly after 10:30.

An airport spokeswoman said the engine continued to function while the plane returned and none of the 79 passengers or four-person crew were injured.

A Flybe spokeswoman said: "The aircraft landed safely without further incident at Southampton Airport and, as is common practice in such situations, the airport put its emergency vehicles on standby as a precautionary measure.

"All passengers disembarked as normal when the aircraft arrived on stand.

"Flybe is re-accommodating passengers on an alternate aircraft.

"The safety of its passengers and crew is the airline's number one priority and Flybe apologises to its passengers for the inconvenience experienced as a result of this incident."

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