

Two jetliners' wings clip at D.C. airport

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WASHINGTON - Two jetliners were emptied Sunday at Reagan National Airport outside Washington after the aircrafts' wings clipped while awaiting takeoff, it was reported. A Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority spokeswoman said the planes involved were a U.S. Airways Airbus A319 bound for LaGuardia Airport in New York and a smaller U.S. Airways Express regional jet operated by Republic Airways, headed for Rochester, N.Y., The Washington Post reported. The aircraft were on the north side of the airport waiting their turn on the runway when the incident happened, the newspaper said. Officials said emergency crews evacuated 63 passengers from the two planes onto buses and took them to the airport terminal, where they were booked onto later flights. There were no serious injuries, although one passenger was taken to a hospital after complaining of back pain, officials said. Damage to the planes was minor and no other flight delays resulted from the accident, the Post said. The cause of the accident had yet to be determined.

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