

Be Prepared for Screening

Clothing: To maximize efficiency at the security checkpoint, avoid wearing clothing with metal and stow all metal items in your carry-on luggage.

Footwear: You are required to remove footwear for X-ray screening. Wearing footwear that can be easily removed helps speed you through screening.

Boarding Pass and ID: When approaching the security checkpoint, passengers will be asked to present a boarding pass and a government-issued identification. Please keep the boarding pass out and available throughout screening, although you can put your ID away.

Laptop and Video Camera: Take your laptop and video cameras with cassettes out of their cases for X-ray screening.

Locking Checked Bags: When locking checked baggage use a TSA accepted lock. A list of these locks can be found at www.tsa.gov.

Be Flexible

Not all trips through the checkpoint will be exactly the same because of TSA's layered screening approach. It includes an element of unpredictability that is easy for passengers to navigate but difficult for terrorists to manipulate. Remember, security activities are designed to protect you, your family and loved ones, and are not meant to be inconvenient.

Security is Serious

Belligerence, inappropriate jokes and threats are not tolerated. Jokes and/or comments about threats to passengers or the aircraft will be taken seriously and can result in criminal or civil penalties for the passenger.

For more information, visit www.tsa.gov.

TSA Points of Contact

Security Checkpoint Wait Times

To assist in planning your arrival time at the airport, TSA provides historical wait time information at www.tsa.gov.

TSA Claim Form for Missing or Damaged Items

TSA security officers exercise great care to ensure that your property is properly handled should baggage need to be opened. However, if you believe TSA is responsible for damage or loss, you can file a claim at www.tsa.gov. You can also check the status of your claim online.

Contact Center

For questions or concerns about security and screening, call the Contact Center toll-free at (866) 289-9673 or by e-mail at TSA-ContactCenter@dhs.gov.

Lost Items

If you lost or left an item at a TSA security checkpoint, you can locate the lost and found contact numbers for specific airports by visiting www.tsa.gov.

Additional Note on Prohibited Items:

The prohibited items list applies to flights originating within the U.S. Please check with your airline or travel agent for restrictions at destinations outside the U.S.



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3-1-1 for Carry-ons

TSA wants travelers to remember the 3-1-1 rule for carrying liquids, gels and aerosols through the checkpoint.

- **3**-ounce or smaller containers of liquid, gels and aerosols placed in a
- **1**-quart, clear, plastic, zip-top bag
- **1** bag per passenger placed in a plastic bin for screening.

The one-quart plastic bag per person limits the total liquid volume each traveler can bring through the checkpoint.

The liquid restriction applies only to carry-on bags. You can still pack larger quantities of liquids and gels in your checked baggage.

See www.tsa.gov for exemptions.

TSA Reminds Passengers

Prepare before leaving for the airport. Take time at home to go through your carry-on bags to ensure you don't have liquids, gels or other prohibited items. Don't overstuff your carry-on or checked baggage. If your bag is opened for inspection, it may be difficult to repack the same way or to close. These measures will speed up the process for you and everyone in line behind you.

A few extra moments spent reviewing packing advice, security guidelines and airline rules can make your trip less stressful. Visit our Web site at www.tsa.gov for easy-to-follow travel tips for parents, persons with special needs and the general public.

Handle Prohibited Items Properly

Remember that firearms, ammunition and knives are prohibited at the passenger checkpoint. Pocket knives, self-defense sprays and other potential weapons are also prohibited. Go to the TSA Web site at www.tsa.gov for a complete list of prohibited items.

Fireworks: All fireworks are made with explosive materials and are not permitted in checked or carry-on baggage.

Firearms: Place firearms and ammunition in your checked baggage. Firearms must be unloaded, placed in a locked, hard-sided container and properly declared to your airline.

Sporting Goods: Some sporting gear such as golf clubs, lacrosse sticks and baseball bats must be packed in checked baggage. Detailed restrictions on sporting goods can be found at www.tsa.gov.

Camping and Hunting: Hunting weapons, animal repellent, knives and some tools must be packed in checked baggage. Any sharp objects in checked baggage should be sheathed or securely wrapped to prevent injury to baggage handlers and security officers. Detailed restrictions for camping and hunting equipment are available at www.tsa.gov.



Summer Travel

TSA manages summer traffic levels each year. We are fully staffed and prepared to address the needs of the traveling public.

Passengers should arrive at the airport early to allow additional time for parking, check-in and going through security. If you have children, talk to them about the screening process before arriving at the airport so they won't be frightened or surprised.

Summer travel is a team sport, involving TSA, airlines, airports and passengers. Working together we will anticipate peak traffic and be ready for the traveling public. Travelers can save time by leaving prohibited items at home.

Despite increased summer air travel, peak wait times at the busiest airports in the country remain consistent during summer months. TSA's mission is security, and we intend to maintain reasonable wait times without compromising security.