

# Helpful Hints for Holiday Travelers



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## Before Packing

- Quart sized zip top bag (Hint: 1 bag per passenger is permitted)
- 3 ounces or less sized containers of liquids, gels and aerosols
- Visit [TSA.gov](http://TSA.gov) or download the MyTSA app to review the prohibited items list for both carry-on and checked baggage
- If purchasing a luggage lock, be sure to look for those that are recognized by TSA
- It can be helpful to tape a card with your name and contact information on any large electronics (like laptops)

## When Packing

- Pack items in layers (shoes one layer, clothes one layer, electronics one layer, etc.)
- Pack large electronics on top layer of carry-on for easy accessibility
- Place your 3-1-1 bag with liquids, gels and aerosols in front pocket of your carry-on for easy accessibility
- Ensure everyday bags (i.e., purse, backpack, duffel bag) do not contain weaponry or firearms such as knives, guns, pepper spray or stun guns

## Before Leaving for Airport

- Give yourself enough time to arrive at the airport early
- Wear easily removable shoes
- Make sure to have accepted government issued identification and boarding pass (if printed at home)
- Passengers with a disability or medical condition may call ahead to the TSA Cares toll free helpline at 1-855-787-2227

## Before Entering Checkpoint

- Eligible passengers look for the TSA Pre✓™ lane for expedited screening at participating airports
- Look for Family/Medical Liquids Lanes if special assistance is needed for families
- Be sure to place all items from pockets and any bulky metal jewelry in carry-on bag or purse
- Have ID and boarding pass out for inspection

## After Entering Checkpoint

- Remove 3-1-1 bag and place in bin
- Remove shoes and place directly on belt for quick screening
- Remove coats and jackets and place in bin
- Remove computers and large electronics from carry on and place in bin alone (video game consoles, remote control toys, etc.)
- Ensure no items remain in your pockets before proceeding to the walk-thru metal detector or imaging technology (keys, cell phones, comb, eyeglasses, etc.)
- Remember to check bins and collect all belongings following screening