

Airport Security & Safety

Air Travel Tips

Following these tips will help you reduce your wait time at the security checkpoint.

Before the Airport

· Prohibited items obviously include weapons, explosives, and incendiaries, but also items that are seemingly harmless and may be used as weapons like hammers, bats, or mace. You may not bring these items to security checkpoints.

Bringing a prohibited item to a security checkpoint - even accidentally - is illegal.

Remember, most items can be placed in your checked-baggage without a problem.

- Due to the recent security alerts, there is a ban on certain liquids in your carry-ons. [Click here](#) for more information.
- Place valuables such as jewelry, cash and laptop computers in carry-on baggage only. Tape your business card to the bottom of your laptop.
- Avoid wearing clothing, jewelry and accessories that contain metal. Metal items may set off the alarm on the metal detector.
- Avoid wearing shoes that contain metal or have thick soles or heels. Many types of footwear will require additional screening even if the metal detector does not alarm.
- Put all undeveloped film and cameras with film in your carry-on baggage. Checked baggage screening equipment will damage undeveloped film.
- If you wish to lock your baggage, use a TSA-recognized lock.
- Do not bring lighters or prohibited matches to the airport.
- Do not pack wrapped gifts and do not bring wrapped gifts to the checkpoint. Wrap on arrival or ship your gifts prior to your departure. TSA may have to unwrap packages for security reasons.

At the Airport

Each adult traveler needs to keep available his/her airline boarding pass and government-issued photo ID until exiting the security checkpoint. Due to different airport configurations, at many airports you will be required to display your boarding pass more than once.

Place the following items IN your carry-on baggage or in a plastic bag prior to entering the screening checkpoint:

- o Mobile phones
- o Keys
- o Loose change

- o Money clips

- o PDA's (personal data assistants)

- o Large amounts of jewelry

- o Metal hair decorations

- o Large belt buckles

- Take your laptop and video cameras with cassettes OUT of their cases and place them in a bin provided at the checkpoint.

- Take OFF all outer coats, suit coats, jackets/blazers and shoes.