

Key Travel Tips (<http://www.tsa.gov>)

IMPORTANT: CURRENTLY MAXIMUM ALLOWANCES FOR CHECKED BAGGAGE SIZE IS 62" OR LESS (L+W+H) AND BAGGAGE WEIGHT OF UP TO 50LBS. BAGGAGE LIMITS, SIZE DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHT LIMITS ARE ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE AIRLINES AND ARE SUBJECT TO ANY POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL CHARGES BY THE AIRLINES.

BEFORE YOU GO: Pack Smart

Carry-on baggage is a small piece of luggage you take onboard the airplane with you. You are allowed one carry-on in addition to one personal item such as a laptop computer, purse, small backpack & briefcase or camera case. These items will go through the security screening process. Please **LABEL your laptop** with a business card or other identifying information beneath your laptop to avoid loss or the accidental "exchange" by travelers.

Checked Baggage is luggage you check in at the ticket counter or at the curbside. It will not be accessible during your flight. Please refrain from locking your checked baggage or use one of our [Accepted and Recognized](#) locks. If your baggage alarms and our Security Officers cannot gain access to your checked bag, unrecognized lock may be broken.

DO NOT pack the following items in your checked baggage:

- [Lighters](#) are prohibited from all checked baggage
- Jewelry, Cash or fragile items (no matter how they are protected)
- Laptop computers and other electronics
- Film – security screening equipment will damage it



Tips for carry-on and checked baggage:

- Do NOT pack or bring prohibited items to the airport. [See permitted and prohibited items.](#)
- **You are now allowed to carry travel-size toiletries (3 ounce or less) in ONE, QUART-SIZE, clear plastic, sealable bag through security checkpoints. ONE PER PERSON – NO GALLON BAGS**
- Put all undeveloped film and cameras with film in your carry-on baggage. If your bag will pass through the X-ray machine more than five times ask for a hand inspection to prevent damage.
- Consider putting personal belongings in clear plastic bags to reduce the chance that a Security Officer will have to handle them.
- Wait to wrap your gifts. Be aware that wrapped gifts may need to be opened for inspection. This applies to both carry-on and checked baggage.

Tips for packing your checked baggage:

- Pack shoes, boots, sneakers and other footwear on top of other contents in your luggage.
- Avoid over-packing your bag allowing the Security Officer to easily reseal your bag if it is opened for inspection. If possible, spread your contents over several bags. (This can also help avoid any fees for overweight baggage).
- Avoid packing food and drink items.
- Don't stack piles of books or documents on top of each other; spread them out within your baggage.

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

Before the Airport:

- Do not pack or bring Prohibited Items to the airport. Read the [Permitted and Prohibited Items](#) list.
- **Pack travel-size containers less than 3 ounces comfortably in one, quart-size plastic, zip-top bag. ONE PER PERSON – NO GALLON BAGS**
- 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.
- **All types of footwear are required to be removed and placed through the X-ray machine for screening.**
- Put all undeveloped [film and cameras](#) with film in your carry-on baggage. Checked baggage screening equipment will damage undeveloped film.
- Declare [firearms & ammunition](#) to your airline and place them in your checked baggage.
- If you wish to lock your baggage, use a [TSA-recognized lock](#).
- Do not bring prohibited [lighters or 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:

Travel Tips To Make Your Screening Experience Hassle-free

- The secret to getting through security smoothly is to de-clutter your carry-on bag. This lets our Transportation Security Officers get a clear, uncomplicated X-ray image of your carry-on.
- When possible, keep packing liquids in checked baggage. You will get through security faster.
- Limit quantities to what is needed for the duration of the flight.

We encourage each adult traveler to keep his/her airline boarding pass and government-issued photo ID available until exiting the security checkpoint. The absence of proper identification will result in additional screening.

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- **In addition, travelers can now bring beverages and other items purchased in the secure boarding area on-board the aircraft.**
- Place the following items **IN** your carry-on baggage or in a plastic bag prior to entering the screening checkpoint:
 - Mobile phones
 - Keys

- Loose change
- Money clips
- PDA's (personal data assistants)
- Large amounts of jewelry
- Metal hair decorations
- 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 and blazers.

Important Information For Our Travelers with Disabilities and Medical Conditions:

We are continuing to permit prescription liquid medications and other liquids needed by persons with disabilities and medical conditions. This includes:

- [All prescription and over-the-counter medications](#) (liquids, gels, and aerosols) including KY jelly, eye drops, and saline solution for medical purposes;
- Liquids including water, juice, or liquid nutrition or gels for passengers with a disability or medical condition;
- Life-support and life-sustaining liquids such as bone marrow, blood products, and transplant organs;
- Items used to augment the body for medical or cosmetic reasons such as mastectomy products, prosthetic breasts, bras or shells containing gels, saline solution, or other liquids; and,
- Gels or frozen liquids needed to cool disability or medically related items used by persons with disabilities or medical conditions.

However, if the liquid medications are in volumes larger than 3 ozs each, they may not be placed in the quart-size bag and must be declared to a Transportation Security Officer. A declaration can be made verbally, in writing, or by a person's companion, caregiver, interpreter, or family member.

Our checkpoint security screening procedures for persons with disabilities, medical conditions, and the mature have not changed as a result of the current threat situation. All disability-related equipment, aids, and devices continue to be allowed through security checkpoints once cleared through screening. Disability and medically related items permitted beyond the checkpoint include:

Wheelchairs	Scooters	Crutches	Canes
Walkers	Prosthetic devices	Casts	Support braces
Support appliances	Service animals	Baby apnea monitors	Orthopedic shoes
Exterior medical devices	Assistive/adaptive equipment	Augmentation devices	Ostomy supplies
CPAP machines respirators	Hearing aids	Cochlear implants	Tools for wheelchair {disassembly/reassembly}
Personal supplemental oxygen	CO2 personal oxygen concentrators		
Tools for prosthetic devices	Medications and associated supplies		
Braille note takers	Slate and stylus		
All diabetes related medication, equipment, and supplies			
Any other disability-related equipment and associated supplies			

People with disabilities, those with prosthetic devices, and those with medical conditions **do not** have to remove their shoes during this heightened security level nor has this been the case during routine travel times. Those who keep their shoes on will be subjected to additional screening that includes a visual or physical and explosive trace detection sampling of their footwear. To help people with disabilities or medical conditions, we have developed guidelines with input from various disability-related groups & organizations. We have trained our airport Security Officers to ensure effective, safe, comfortable, dignified, and respectful screening at all security checkpoints. Below are some tips on being prepared for security screening and some links to more specific information.

- Notify your airline or travel agent in advance if you need assistance at the airport. We can only help you with the screening process. Your airline will help you through the airport facility and the screening line.
- If you need someone to accompany you through the security checkpoint to reach your gate, ask your airline representative about getting a gate pass for your companion before you enter the security checkpoint.
- The limit of one carry-on and one personal item (purse, briefcase or computer case) does not apply to medical supplies, equipment, mobility aids or assistive devices carried or used by a person with a disability.
- Pack your medications in a separate pouch/bag to simplify the inspection process. Don't fill medication containers too densely, and make sure that all your medication is clearly identified. If you have any medication that you do not want exposed to x-rays, don't pack it in your checked baggage. Instead, send larger quantities of medications to your destination by mail (or any other way you prefer.)
- If you have medical documentation about your medical condition or disability, you can present this information to the security officer to help inform him or her of your situation. We don't require this documentation and it will not exempt you from the security screening process.
- Make sure have an identification tag on all your carry-on items, equipment, mobility aids, and devices.

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