

# Transportation Security Administration - Can I Take It?

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**From web page:** <http://www.tsa.gov/travelers/airtravel/prohibited/permitted-prohibited-items.shtm>

Due to enhanced security measures liquids, gels, lotions and other items of similar consistency will not be permitted in carry-on baggage. These types of items must be packed in your checked baggage.

Additionally, liquids, gels and lotions purchased beyond the checkpoint but must be disposed of before boarding the aircraft.

To ensure the health and welfare of certain air travelers the following items are permitted.

- Small amounts of [Baby formula and breast milk](#) if a baby or small child is traveling
- [Liquid prescription medicine](#) with a name that matches the passenger's ticket
- Up to 5 oz. (148ml) of [liquid or gel low blood sugar treatment](#)
- Up to 4 oz. of essential [non-prescription liquid medications](#) including saline solution, eye care products and KY jelly
- Gel-filled bras and similar prosthetics
- Gel-filled wheelchair cushions
- Life support and life sustaining liquids such as bone marrow, blood products, and transplant organs carried for medical reasons

You are permitted to bring solid cosmetics and personal hygiene items as such lipstick, lip balm and similar solids. Please remember these items must be solid and not liquid, gel or aerosol.

Please keep in mind, that while we cannot provide an exhaustive list of items covering all eventualities, all liquids, gels, or aerosols of any kind are prohibited at security checkpoints, in airport sterile areas, and aboard aircraft. You can pack these items in your checked baggage.

We ask for your cooperation in the screening process by being prepared before you arrive. We also ask that you follow the guidelines above and try not to over-think these guidelines. Please pack liquids, gels, and aerosols in your checked baggage even if you do not normally check a bag.

In addition to liquids, gels, and aerosols numerous other potentially dangerous items are not permitted in carry-on baggage. We strongly encourage travelers to read more about previously prohibited items to avoid complications during screening.

## Makeup & Personal Items

	Carry-on	Checked
Aerosol spray bottles and cans	No	Yes
<b>All</b> creams and lotions including Neosporin or first-aid creams and ointments, topical or rash creams and ointments, suntan lotions, moisturizers, etc.	No	Yes
Bubble bath balls, bath oils or moisturizers	No	Yes
Bug and mosquito sprays and repellents	No	Yes
Cigar Cutters	Yes	Yes
Corkscrews	Yes	Yes
Cuticle Cutters	Yes	Yes
Deodorants made of gel or aerosol	No	Yes
Eye drops - You are allowed to carry up to 4 oz., of eye drops with you. Volumes greater than 4 oz., are only permitted in your checked baggage.	No	Yes
Eyeglass Repair Tools - including screwdrivers.	Yes	Yes
Eyelash Curlers	Yes	Yes
Gel-filled bras and similar prosthetics - Gel-filled bras may be worn through security screening and aboard aircraft.	Yes	Yes
Hair styling gels and spray of all kinds including aerosol	No	Yes
Hair Straightener or Detangler	No	Yes
Knitting and Crochet Needles	Yes	Yes
<b>Knives</b> - except for plastic or round bladed butter knives.	<b>No</b>	Yes
Lip gels such as Carmex or Blistex	No	Yes
Liquid lip glosses or other liquids for lips	No	Yes
Liquid bubble bath including gel or liquid filled	No	Yes
Liquid foundations	No	Yes
Liquid, gel or spray perfumes and colognes	No	Yes
Liquid sanitizers	No	Yes
Liquid soaps	No	Yes
Liquid mascara	No	Yes
Make up removers or facial cleansers	No	Yes
Mouthwash	No	Yes
Nail Clippers	Yes	Yes
Nail Files	Yes	Yes
Nail polish and removers	No	Yes

Non-prescription liquid or gel medicines like cough syrup and gel cap type pills - Up to 4 oz. of essential non-prescription <a href="#">liquid medications</a>	Yes	Yes
Personal lubricants - Up to 4 oz.	Yes	Yes
<b>Safety Razors - including disposable razors.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Saline solution - You are allowed to carry up to 4 oz., of eye drops with you. Volumes greater than 4 oz., are only permitted in your checked baggage.	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Scissors - plastic or metal with blunt tips.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Scissors - metal with pointed tips and blades shorter than four inches in length.</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Shampoos and conditioners	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Toothpaste	No	Yes
Toy Transformer Robots	Yes	Yes
Toy Weapons - if not realistic replicas.	Yes	Yes
Tweezers	Yes	Yes
<b>Umbrellas</b> - allowed in carry-on baggage once they have been inspected to ensure that prohibited items are not concealed.	Yes	Yes
<b>Walking Canes</b> - allowed in carry-on baggage once they have been inspected to ensure that prohibited items are not concealed.	Yes	Yes
<b>NOTE:</b> Some personal care items containing aerosol are regulated as hazardous materials. The FAA regulates hazardous materials. This information is summarized at <a href="http://www.faa.gov">www.faa.gov</a> .		

## Electronic Devices

	Carry-on	Checked
Camcorders	Yes	Yes
Camera Equipment - the checked baggage screening equipment will damage undeveloped film in camera equipment. We recommend that you either put undeveloped film and cameras containing undeveloped film in your carry-on baggage or take undeveloped film with you to the checkpoint and ask the screener to conduct a hand-inspection.	Yes	Yes
Laptop Computers	Yes	Yes
Mobile Phones	Yes	Yes
Pagers	Yes	Yes
Personal Data Assistants (PDA's)	Yes	Yes
<b>NOTE:</b> Check with your airline or travel agent for restrictions on the use of these and other electronic items during your flight.		

## Medication & Special Needs Devices

Please make sure your medications are properly labeled with a professionally printed label identifying the medication and manufacturer's name or pharmaceutical label. The prescription medicine must match the name on the passenger's ticket.

	Carry-on	Checked
Braille Note-Taker, Slate and Stylus, Augmentation Devices	Yes	Yes
Diabetes - liquid or gel low blood sugar treatments, including juice - Up to 5 oz. (148ml)	Yes	Yes
Diabetes-Related Supplies/Equipment - Insulin dispensing products; jet injectors; pens; infusers; and an unlimited number of unused syringes, when accompanied by insulin; lancets; blood glucose meters; blood glucose meter test strips; insulin pumps; and insulin pump supplies. These items must be inspected to ensure prohibited items are not concealed.	Yes	Yes
Nitroglycerine pills - if properly marked with a professionally printed label identifying the medication and manufacturer's name or pharmaceutical label.	Yes	Yes
Nitroglycerine sprays - no more than 4 oz.	Yes	Yes
Ostomy Scissors - All scissors with blades four inches or less.	Yes	Yes
Prosthetic Device Tools and Appliances - including drills and drill bits, Allen wrenches, pull sleeves used to put on or remove prosthetic devices, if carried by the individual with the prosthetic device or his or her companion.	Yes	Yes
Wheelchairs with gel cushioned seats/pads.	Yes	Yes

For more information on what to expect during security screening, you may want to visit our section written for [Travelers with Disabilities and Medical Conditions](#).

## Sharp Objects

	Carry-on	Checked
Box Cutters	No	Yes
Ice Axes/Ice Picks	No	Yes
Knives - except for plastic or round bladed butter knives	No	Yes
Meat Cleavers	No	Yes
Razor-Type Blades - such as box cutters, utility knives, razor blades not in a cartridge, but excluding safety razors.	No	Yes
Sabers	No	Yes
Scissors - metal with pointed tips and blades shorter than four inches	Yes	Yes
Swords	No	Yes
<b>NOTE:</b> Any sharp objects in checked baggage should be sheathed or securely wrapped to prevent injury to baggage handlers and inspectors.		

## Sporting Goods

	Carry-on	Checked
Baseball Bats	No	Yes
Bows and Arrows	No	Yes
Cricket Bats	No	Yes
Golf Clubs	No	Yes
Hockey Sticks	No	Yes
Lacrosse Sticks	No	Yes
Pool Cues	No	Yes
Ski Poles	No	Yes
Spear Guns	No	Yes
For more information, please read our <a href="#">Traveling with Special Items</a> section.		

## Guns & Firearms

	Carry-on	Checked
Ammunition - Check with your airline or travel agent to see if ammunition is permitted in checked baggage on the airline you are flying. If ammunition is permitted, it must be declared to the airline at check-in. Small arms ammunitions for personal use must be securely packed in fiber, wood or metal boxes or other packaging specifically designed to carry small amounts of ammunition. Ask about limitations or fees, if any, that apply. <a href="#">Read our Firearms &amp; Ammunition section.</a>	No	Yes
BB guns	No	Yes
Compressed Air Guns	No	Yes
Firearms - firearms carried as checked baggage MUST be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-sided container, and declared to the airline at check-in. <a href="#">Read our Firearms &amp; Ammunition section.</a>	No	Yes
Flare Guns. <a href="#">Read our section on Camping.</a>	No	Yes
Gun Lighters	No	Yes
Gun Powder including black powder and percussion caps	No	No
Parts of Guns and Firearms	No	Yes
Pellet Guns	No	Yes
Realistic Replicas of Firearms	No	Yes
Starter Pistols	No	Yes
<b>NOTE:</b> Check with your airline or travel agent to see if firearms are permitted in checked baggage on the airline you are flying. Ask about limitations or fees, if any, that apply. All of the firearms listed above, as well the frame or receiver of such firearms, carried as checked baggage, MUST be unloaded, packed in locked hard-sided gun case, and declared to your airline at check-in.		

## Martial Arts & Self Defense Items

	Carry-on	Checked
Billy Clubs	No	Yes
Black Jacks	No	Yes
Brass Knuckles	No	Yes
Kubaton	No	Yes
Mace/Pepper Spray - One 118 ml or 4 Fl. oz. container of mace or pepper spray is permitted in checked baggage provided it is equipped with a safety mechanism to prevent accidental discharge. For more information visit <a href="http://www.faa.gov">www.faa.gov</a> , click on Passengers, then Preparing to Fly.	No	Yes
Martial Arts Weapons	No	Yes
Night Sticks	No	Yes
Nunchakus	No	Yes
Stun Guns/Shocking Devices	No	Yes
Throwing Stars	No	Yes
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## Explosive & Flammable Materials, Disabling Chemicals & Other Dangerous Items

Explosive Materials	Carry-on	Checked
Blasting Caps	No	No
Dynamite	No	No
Fireworks	No	No
Flares (in any form)	No	No
Hand Grenades	No	No
Plastic Explosives	No	No
Realistic Replicas of Explosives	No	No

<b>Flammable Items</b>	<b>Carry-on</b>	<b>Checked</b>
Aerosol (any except for personal care or toiletries in limited quantities)	No	No
Fuels (including cooking fuels and any flammable liquid fuel)	No	No
Gasoline	No	No
Gas Torches	No	No
Lighter Fluid	No	No
<b>Lighters</b> - <a href="#">All lighters are prohibited</a> as carry-on items. Lighters without fuel are permitted in checked baggage. Lighters with fuel are prohibited in checked baggage, unless they adhere to DOT exemptions, which allow up to two fueled lighters if properly enclosed in a DOT approved case. If you are uncertain as to whether your lighter is prohibited, please refrain from bringing it to the airport.	No	No
Strike-anywhere Matches - Up to 4 books of safety (non-strike anywhere) matches are permitted as carry-on items, but all matches are prohibited in checked baggage.	No	No
Turpentine and Paint Thinner	No	No
Realistic Replicas of Incendiaries	No	No
<b>NOTE:</b> There are other hazardous materials that are regulated by the FAA. This information is summarized at <a href="http://www.faa.gov">www.faa.gov</a> , click on Passengers, then Preparing to Fly.		

<b>Disabling Chemicals &amp; Other Dangerous Items</b>	<b>Carry-on</b>	<b>Checked</b>
Chlorine for Pools and Spas	No	No
Compressed Gas Cylinders - including fire extinguishers	No	No
Liquid Bleach	No	No
Spillable Batteries - except those in wheelchairs	No	No
Spray Paint	No	No
Tear Gas	No	No
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## Food & Drinks

	Carry-on	Checked
All beverages	No	Yes
Baby formula and food, breast milk and other baby items - These are allowed in your carry-on baggage or personal items. You can take these through the security checkpoints and aboard your plane. However, you must be traveling with a baby or toddler. All items including formula or breast milk will be inspected. <a href="#">Learn more on traveling with children.</a>	Yes	Yes
Canned or jarred goods such as soup, sauces, peanut butter, fruits, vegetables and jellies	No	Yes
Cheese in pressurized containers	No	Yes
Duty free alcohol and other items ( <i>Please see our section on <a href="#">Duty Free Items</a></i> )	No	Yes
Gel based sports supplements	No	Yes
Jell-O's	No	Yes
Pudding	No	Yes
Whipped cream	No	Yes
Yogurt or gel like food substances	No	Yes

## Other Items

	Carry-on	Checked
Gel-type candles	No	Yes
Gel shoe inserts - Gel shoe inserts are not permitted, but shoes constructed with gel heels are allowed and must be removed and screened. <a href="#">Read more on our shoe screening policy.</a>	No	Yes

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## Tools

	Carry-on	Checked
Axes and Hatchets	No	Yes
Cattle Prods	No	Yes
Crowbars	No	Yes
Hammers	No	Yes
Drills and drill bits (including cordless portable power drills)	No	Yes
Saws (including cordless portable power saws)	No	Yes
Tools (greater than seven inches in length)	No	Yes
Tools (seven inches or less in length)	Yes	Yes
Screwdrivers (seven inches or less in length)	Yes	Yes
Wrenches and Pliers (seven inches or less in length)	Yes	Yes
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