



Tips for your trip back home

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.
- 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 these documents more than once.

- Place the following items **IN** your carry-on baggage or in a plastic bag prior to entering the screening checkpoint:
 - Mobile phones, PDA's (personal data assistants)
 - Keys
 - Loose change
 - Money clips
 - 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.
- You must take **OFF** your shoes

Please visit the Transportation Security Administration's website at <http://www.tsa.gov> for more detailed information