

TSA Updates Airline Restricted List

The Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) **updated its “Permitted and Prohibited Items” list on December 22, 2005.** We present it as a handy reference for members who may be traveling via airline flights originating in the United States in the near future.

TSA prohibits “weapons, explosives, incendiaries, and ... items that are seemingly harmless but may be used as weapons – the so-called ‘dual use’ items. You may not bring these items to or through security

checkpoints without authorization.”

Use good sense here. A transportation security officer (TSO – formerly a screener) still has the discretion to prohibit articles from coming on board an airline that the list indicates are acceptable. If you bring a prohibited item to the checkpoint, **you may be criminally and/or civilly prosecuted,** TSA states.

Then they add that ...

“If permitted by the TSO or law enforcement officer, you may be allowed to: consult with the airlines for possible assistance in placing the pro-

hibited item in checked baggage; withdraw with the item from the screening checkpoint at that time; make other arrangements for the item, such as taking it to your car or mailing it to yourself; or, voluntarily abandon the item.”

Footwear is still scrutinized. TSA says “You are **NOT REQUIRED** to remove your shoes before you enter the walk-through metal detector.

However, TSA screeners may encourage you to remove them before entering the metal detector as many types of footwear will require additional screening.” Boots, platform shoes (including platform flip-flops), shoes with a thick sole or heel (including athletic shoes), footwear containing metal (including many dress shoes) are suspect models. Beach flip-flops and thin-soled sandals (without metal) can be worn through x-ray inspection.

Passengers will continue to walk through a metal detector and have their carry-on and checked baggage screened, TSA concludes. But there is new technology coming on board that may streamline the process for travelers who pay a fee and submit to other screening tests.

As we reported in the last issue, TSA has invited feedback on carrying knives on planes. AKTI submitted an official response because TSA claims their new focus is to “better screen passengers for explosives and other more serious threats to the aviation system.” However, knives and a broad range of tools and sporting equipment are still prohibited items.

AKTI Celebrates 8th Anniversary

Thanks to the support of knife owners, retailers, distributors, importers and manufacturers, AKTI will celebrate its 8th anniversary at the 2006 S.H.O.T. Show.

AKTI’s achievements in 2005 included ...

- 1) Support of **Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act** ... signed by President Bush on October 26, 2005. AKTI officially supported the bill because if gun manufacturers can be sued for the actions of criminals who improperly and illegally use guns that are otherwise legally and safely made, then law-abiding and responsible knife manufacturers could be next.
- 2) **Official response to U.S. Transportation Safety Administrator Edmund Hawley**, who is currently reviewing the ban on bringing small pocket-knives onboard airlines.
- 3) **Adoption of AKTI Approved Knife Definitions** (8/31/2005). This historic document approved by the industry follows the equally historic 2004 **Protocol for Measuring Knife Blade Length.**

Those 2005 achievements build on our past successes:

- 1) **Opposed a Michigan ban** on lockback knives in 2004.
- 2) **Opposed New York City busts** of knife retailers in 2003-04.
- 3) **Gave Floridians back their knives** in 2003.
- 4) **Saved knife carry for Bostonians** in 2002.

**Time after time ... year after year ... AKTI has been ...
Keeping Knives in American Lives.**

Permitted and Prohibited Items

Can I take it?

	Carry-on	Checked
Personal Items		
Cigar Cutters	Yes	Yes
Corkscrews	Yes	Yes
Cuticle Cutters	Yes	Yes
Eyeglass Repair Tools (including screwdrivers)	Yes	Yes
Eyelash Curlers	Yes	Yes
Knitting and Crochet Needles	Yes	Yes
Knives	No	Yes
Prohibited as carry-on except for plastic or round bladed butter knives (not serrated).		
Nail Clippers	Yes	Yes
Nail Files	Yes	Yes
Personal care or toiletries with aerosols, in limited quantities (such as hairsprays, deodorants).		
	Yes	Yes
Safety Razors (including disposable razors).	Yes	Yes
Scissors - plastic or metal with blunt tips.	Yes	Yes
Scissors - metal with pointed tips and blades longer than four inches in length.	No	Yes
Toy Transformer Robots	Yes	Yes
Toy Weapons (if not realistic replicas)	Yes	Yes
Tweezers	Yes	Yes
Umbrellas	Yes	Yes
(allowed in carry-on baggage once they have been inspected to ensure that prohibited items are not concealed).		
Walking Canes	Yes	Yes
(allowed in carry-on baggage once they have been inspected to ensure that prohibited items are not concealed).		
Note: Some <u>personal care items containing aerosol</u> are regulated as hazardous materials. The FAA regulates hazardous materials. This information is summarized at www.faa.gov , click on <i>Passengers</i> , then <i>Preparing to Fly</i> .		
Medication and Special Needs Devices		
Braille Note-Taker, Slate and Stylus, Augmentation Devices		
	Yes	Yes
Diabetes-Related Supplies/Equipment , (once inspected to ensure prohibited items are not concealed) including: insulin and insulin loaded dispensing products; vials or box of individual vials; jet injectors; pens; infusers; and preloaded syringes; 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. Insulin in any form or dispenser must be properly marked with a professionally printed label identifying the medication or manufacturer's name or pharmaceutical label.		
	Yes	Yes
Nitroglycerine pills or spray for medical use (if properly marked with a professionally printed label identifying the medication or manufacturer's name or pharmaceutical label).		
	Yes	Yes
Ostomy Scissors All scissors with blades four inches or less.	Yes	Yes
Prosthetic Device Tools and Appliances , including drill, allen wrenches, pullsleeves used to put on or remove prosthetic devices, if carried by the individual with the prosthetic device or his or her companion.		
	Yes	Yes

	Carry-on	Checked
Electronic Devices		
Camcorders	Yes	Yes
Camera Equipment	Yes	Yes
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.		
Laptop Computers	Yes	Yes
Mobile Phones	Yes	Yes
Pagers	Yes	Yes
Personal Data Assistants (PDAs)	Yes	Yes
Note: Check with your airline or travel agent for restrictions on the use of these and other electronic items during your flight.		
Sharp Objects		
Box Cutters	No	Yes
Ice Axes/Ice Picks	No	Yes
Knives - prohibited as carry-on except for plastic or round bladed butter knives (not serrated).	No	Yes
Meat Cleavers	No	Yes
Razor-Type Blades , such as box cutters, utility knives, razor blades not in a cartridge, <u>but excluding safety razors.</u>	No	Yes
Sabers	No	Yes
Scissors – metal with pointed tips and blades longer than four inches.	No	Yes
Swords	No	Yes
Note: Any sharp objects in checked baggage should be sheathed or securely wrapped to prevent injury to baggage handlers and inspectors.		
Sporting Goods		
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
Spearguns	No	Yes
Guns and Firearms		
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 ammunition 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.	No	Yes

	Carry-on	Checked
BB guns	No	Yes
Compressed Air Guns	No	Yes
Firearms	No	Yes
Flare Guns	No	No
Gun Lighters	No	No
Gun Powder	No	No
Parts of Guns and Firearms	No	Yes
Pellet Guns	No	Yes
Realistic Replicas of Firearms	No	Yes
Starter Pistols	No	Yes

Note: 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 as 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.

Tools

Axes and Hatchets	No	Yes
Cattle Prods	No	Yes
Crowbars	No	Yes
Hammers	No	Yes
Drills (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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Martial Arts/Self Defense Items

Billy Clubs	No	Yes
Black Jacks	No	Yes
Brass Knuckles	No	Yes
Kubatons	No	Yes
Mace/Pepper Spray		
One 118 ml or 4 Fl. oz. container of <u>mace or pepper spray</u> is permitted in checked baggage provided it is equipped with a safety mechanism to prevent accidental discharge. For more information visit www.faa.gov , click on <i>Passengers</i> , then <i>Preparing to Fly</i> .	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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	Carry-on	Checked
Explosive Materials		
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

Flammable Items

Aerosol (any except for personal care or toiletries in limited quantities)

	No	No
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Fuels (including cooking fuels and any flammable liquid fuel)

	No	No
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Gasoline

	No	No
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Gas Torches

	No	No
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Lighter Fluid

	No	No
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Lighters *

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Strike-anywhere Matches **

	No **	No **
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Turpentine and Paint Thinner

	No	No
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Realistic Replicas of Incendiaries

	No	No
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*All lighters are prohibited as carry-on items. Lighters without fuel are permitted in checked baggage. Lighters with fuel are prohibited in checked baggage, unless they adhere to the DOT exemption, which allows 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. ** Up to 4 books of safety (non-strike anywhere) matches are permitted as carry-on items, but all matches are prohibited in checked baggage.

Note: There are other hazardous materials that are regulated by the FAA. This information is summarized at www.faa.gov, click on *Passengers*, then *Preparing to Fly*.

Disabling Chemicals and Other Dangerous Items

Chlorine for Pools and Spas

	No	No
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Compressed Gas Cylinders (including fire

extinguishers)

	No	No
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Liquid Bleach

	No	No
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Spillable Batteries (except those in wheelchairs)

	No	No
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Spray Paint

	No	No
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Tear Gas

	No	No
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