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Prohibited Items

Planning ahead and packing properly can facilitate the screening process and ease your travel experience at the airport. Know what you can pack in your carry-on and checked baggage before arriving at the airport by reviewing the lists below. Even if an item is generally permitted, it may be subject to additional screening or not allowed through the checkpoint if it triggers an alarm during the screening process, appears to have been tampered with, or poses other security concerns. Read about [civil penalties for prohibited items](#).

The final decision rests with the TSA officer on whether an item is allowed through the checkpoint.

Item	Carry-On	Checked?
Aerosols Aerosols are prohibited with the exception of personal care items or toiletries in limited quantities.		
Alcoholic beverages Alcoholic beverages with more than 24% but not more than 70% alcohol are limited in checked baggage to 5 liters (1.3 gallons) per passenger and must be in unopened retail packaging. Alcoholic beverages with 24% alcohol or less are not subject to limitations in checked baggage. For more information, see FAA regulation: 49 CFR 175.10(a)(4) .		
Alcoholic beverages over 140 proof Alcoholic beverages with more than 70% alcohol (up to 140 proof), including grain alcohol and 151 proof rum. For more information, see FAA regulation: 49 CFR 175.10(a)(4) .		
Ammunition Check with your airline if ammunition is permitted in checked baggage. 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.		
Axes and Hatchets		
Baseball Bats		
BB Guns		
Billy Clubs		
Black Jacks		
Blasting Caps		
Bows and Arrows		
Box Cutters		



Cattle Prods	✗	✓
Chlorine for Pools and Spas	✗	✗
Compressed Air Guns Including paintball markers, may be carried in checked baggage without compressed air cylinder attached.	✗	✓
Creamy Dips and Spreads	i	✓
Cricket Bats	✗	✓
Crowbars	✗	✓
Disposable Razor	✓	✓
Drills and Drill Bits Including cordless portable power drills.	✗	✓
Dynamite	✗	✗
Electronic Cigarettes and Vaping Devices The FAA prohibits these devices in checked baggage. Battery-powered E-cigarettes, vaporizers, vape pens, atomizers, and electronic nicotine delivery systems may only be carried in the aircraft cabin (in carry-on baggage or on your person). Check with your airline for additional restrictions. Remove all electronic cigarette and vaping devices from carry-on bags if checked at the gate or planeside.	✓	✗
Fire Extinguishers and Other Compressed Gas Cylinders	✗	✗
Firearms Firearms carried as checked baggage MUST be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-sided container, and declared to the airline at check-in. Read the guidelines.	✗	✓
Fireworks	✗	✗
Flammable Liquid, Gel, or Aerosol Paint	✗	✗
Flammable Paints	✗	✗
Flare Guns Flare Guns may be carried as checked baggage MUST be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-sided container, within hazardous material regulations, and declared to the airline at check-in.	✗	✓
Flares	✗	✗
Fresh Whole Fruits	✓	✓
Fuels Cooking fuels and any flammable liquid fuel is prohibited.	✗	✗
Gas Torches	✗	✗



Gel-Type Candles	✗	✓
Golf Clubs	✗	✓
Gravy	i	✓
Gun Lighters	✗	✗
Gun Powder Including black powder and percussion caps.	✗	✗
Hammers	✗	✓
Hand Grenades	✗	✗
Hockey Sticks	✗	✓
Ice Axes/Ice Picks	✗	✓
Jam and Jelly	i	✓
Knitting needles	✓	✓
Knives Except for plastic or round bladed butter knives.	✗	✓
Kubatons	✗	✓
Lacrosse Sticks	✗	✓
Lighter Fluid	✗	✗
Lighters Lighters without fuel are permitted in checked baggage. Lighters with fuel are prohibited in checked baggage, unless they adhere to the Department of Transportation exemption, which allows up to two fueled lighters if properly enclosed in a DOT approved case.	✓	✗
Liquid Bleach	✗	✗
Maple Syrup	i	✓
Martial Arts Weapons	✗	✓
Meat Cleavers	✗	✓
Night Sticks	✗	✓
Non-Flammable Liquid, Gel, or Aerosol Up to 3.4 oz./100.55 ml or less that fit in one, clear, plastic, quart-sized, resealable bag.	✓	✓
Non-Flammable Liquid, Gel, or Aerosol More than 3.4 oz./100.55 ml.	✗	✓
Nunchucks	✗	✓
Oils and Vinegars	i	✓



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Firearm parts, including magazines, clips, bolts and firing pins, are prohibited in carry-on, but may be transported in checked baggage.	✗	✓
Pellet Guns	✗	✓
Pies and Cakes	✓	✓
Pool Cues	✗	✓
Razor-Type Blades Box cutters, razor blades not in a cartridge are prohibited in carry-on.	✗	✓
Realistic Replicas of Explosives	✗	✗
Realistic Replicas of Firearms	✗	✓
Realistic Replicas of Incendiaries	✗	✗
Recreational Oxygen Non-medically required, flavored or canned oxygen containers are prohibited.	✗	✗
Sabers	✗	✓
Safety Matches One book of safety (non-strike anywhere) matches are permitted as carry-on items, but all matches are prohibited in checked baggage.	✓	✗
Safety Razor With Blades (allowed without blade)	✗	✓
Salad Dressing	i	✓
Salsa and Sauces	i	✓
Saws Including cordless portable power saws.	✗	✓
Scissors Metal with pointed tips and a blade length greater than four inches measured from the fulcrum are not allowed.	✗	✓
Screwdrivers/Wrenches/Pliers Less than seven inches in length.	✓	✓
Self Defense Sprays One 4 fl. oz. (118 ml) container of mace or pepper spray is permitted in checked baggage provided it is equipped with a safety mechanism to prevent accidental discharge. Self-defense sprays containing more than 2 percent by mass of tear gas (CS or CN) are prohibited in checked baggage. For more information, visit faa.gov	✗	✓
Skates Including ice skates and rollerblades.	✓	✓
Ski Poles	✗	✓



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Up to two in life vests and two spares. The spares must accompany the personal flotation device and presented as one unit.	✓	✓
Soups	i	✓
Spear Guns	✗	✓
Spillable Batteries Except those in wheelchairs.	✗	✗
Spray Paint	✗	✗
Starter Pistols Can only be carried as checked baggage and MUST be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-sided container, and declared to the airline at check-in.	✗	✓
Strike-anywhere Matches	✗	✗
Stun Guns/Shocking Devices	✗	✓
Swords Cutting or thrusting weapons, including fencing foils.	✗	✓
Tear Gas Self-defense sprays containing more than 2% by mass of Tear Gas are prohibited in both carry-on and checked baggage.	✗	✗
Throwing Stars	✗	✓
Tools Greater than seven inches in length.	✗	✓
Torch Lighters Torch lighters create a thin, needle-like flame that is hotter (reaching 2,500 °F) and more intense than those from common lighters. Torch lighters are often used for pipes and cigars, and maintain a consistent stream of air-propelled fire regardless of the angle at which it is held.	✗	✗
Turpentine and Paint Thinner	✗	✗
Vehicle Airbags	✗	✗
Yogurt	i	✓

⚠ Any sharp objects in checked baggage should be sheathed or securely wrapped to prevent injury to baggage handlers and inspectors.

⚠ 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.

⚠ There are other hazardous materials that are regulated by the FAA. This information is summarized at www.faa.gov/Go/Packsafe.

i Less than 3.4oz / 100 ml allowed.

