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- * Banned and restricted baggage items
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Explosive Materials

Item	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

Flammable Items

Item	Carry-on	Checked
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
Common 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 (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 leave it at home.	Yes	No
Torch Lighters Torch lighters create a thin, needle-like flame that is hotter (reaching 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit) and more intense than those from common lighters. A torch lighter is often used for pipes and cigars, and maintains a consistent stream of air-propelled fire regardless of the angle at which it is held. Torch lighters continue to be banned.	No	No
Strike-anywhere Matches - Except one book of safety (non-strike anywhere) matches is permitted as carry-on items, but all matches are prohibited in checked baggage.	No	No
Flammable Paints - See Other Items for non-flammable paints	No	No
Turpentine and Paint Thinner	No	No
Realistic Replicas of Incendiaries	No	No

NOTE: There are other hazardous materials that are regulated by the FAA. For more information visit www.faa.gov.

Disabling Chemicals & Other Dangerous Items

Item	Carry-on	Checked
Chlorine for Pools and Spas	No	No
Small compressed gas cartridges - Up to 2 in life vests and 2 spares	Yes	Yes
Fire extinguishers and other compressed gas cylinders	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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Other Items

Item	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.	No	Yes
Non-flammable liquid, gel, or aerosol paint	Yes - 3 oz. or smaller container	Yes
Flammable liquid, gel, or aerosol paint	No	No
Snow globes and like decorations regardless of size or amount of liquid inside, even with documentation.	No	Yes

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Transportation Security Administration

www.TSA.gov



Prepare for Takeoff Prohibited Items List



Transportation Security Administration

Prohibited Items List

The prohibited items list is not intended to be all-inclusive and is updated as necessary. To ensure traveler’s security, transportation security officers (TSOs) may determine that an item not on the prohibited items chart is prohibited. In addition, the TSO may also determine that an item on the permitted chart is dangerous and therefore may not be brought through the security checkpoint.

Please pay careful attention to the “Notes” included at the bottom of each section – they contain important information about restrictions and exceptions.

The chart applies to flights originating within the United States. Please check with your airline or travel agent for restrictions at destinations outside of the United States.

Sharp Objects

Item	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

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

Sporting Goods

Item	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

Guns & Firearms

Item	Carry-on	Checked
Ammunition -	No	Yes

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.

BB guns	No	Yes
Compressed Air Guns (To include paintball markers) - Carried in checked luggage without compressed air cylinder attached.	No	Yes
Firearms -	No	Yes
Firearms carried as checked baggage MUST be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-sided container, and declared to the airline at check-in.		
Flare Guns -	No	Yes
May be carried as checked baggage, but MUST be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-sided container, and declared to the airline at check-in.		
Flares	No	No
Gun Lighters	No	Yes
Gun Powder -	No	No
Including black powder and percussion caps		
Parts of Guns and Firearms	No	Yes
Pellet Guns	No	Yes
Realistic Replicas of Firearms	No	Yes
Starter Pistols	No	Yes

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Martial Arts & Self Defense Items

Item	Carry-on	Checked
Billy Clubs	No	Yes
Black Jacks	No	Yes
Brass Knuckles	No	Yes
Kubatons	No	Yes
Mace/Pepper Spray -	No	Yes
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.		
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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Tools

Item	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		
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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